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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-310, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee H-130, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$5 million in FY23 community project funds for the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Walnut Street Bridge is in need of structural repair and rehabilitation, including repairs to the above and below deck trusses, deck surface, and electrical systems. This federal funding will ensure this project is completed quickly without any risk of delay and ensure that Chattanooga's landmark feature remains open and usable. The Walnut Street Bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of the busiest and best public spaces in Chattanooga and is a defining feature of our community. This landmark pedestrian and bicycle bridge is used by tens of thousands of people every year for daily trips, recreation, and special events, and it is a major attraction for visitors from across the world. The bridge is in need of significant repair and rehabilitation to remain open to the public and to continue to be comfortable and safe for users of all ages and abilities. This project is programmed in the city's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and currently requires significant local funding.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann

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Member of Congress