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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$7 million for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Waterfront Revitalization Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chattanooga, located at 101 E. 11th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. As part of Chattanooga's Parks & Outdoors Plan, the city is pursuing a multifaceted strategy to overhaul its 21st Century Waterfront, which will serve as a key economic driver for the community's river frontage, upgrading it from an event venue into a destination that will drive enhanced visitation, spending, and utilization, as well as provide enhanced infrastructure to serve passenger traffic on the Tennessee River. This funding will enable the city to engineer and begin to construct features that will activate the waterfront for years to come. This full redesign, estimated at \$40 million, will add density, activities and animation to the public spaces. Supercharging the utility of the 21st Century Waterfront for families year-round will grow the regional economy, create additional room nights for hotels, and create additional opportunities for passenger interstate commerce along the Tennessee River.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 5305(a)(2) – the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress