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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Panhandle Trail Extension Acquisition in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Allegheny County, located at 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. The funding would be used for The conversion of about 3.4 miles of inactive Pittsburgh & Ohio Central Railroad property from Genesee and Wyoming, Inc. (G&W). The railroad property will be converted to trail. The project will extend the Panhandle Trail from its current terminus at Walker's Mill in Collier Township into downtown Carnegie. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the conversion of an unused transportation corridor to trail will provide mobility, safety, recreation, and quality of life benefits not only to the residents of the Carnegie, Collier, and Scott, but also to the larger region. In addition, filling a three-mile trail gap will maximize the region's investments already made in trails, public transit, and roads. Trail connectivity, better access to jobs, services, and transportation, multimodal connectivity, safety, traffic reduction, economic development of touched communities, are all reasons this is a good use of taxpayer funds.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Very respectfully,

Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress