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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for University Lakes Trails Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Baton Rouge-Parish of East Baton Rouge, located 222 St. Louis Street, 8th Floor (P.O. Box 1471), Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

The funding would be used to overhaul dangerous road segments near University Lake in Baton Rouge by adding protected paths, upgraded lighting, and safer intersections. This area has seen 236 accidents and one fatality in just three years, proving that the current infrastructure is a major public safety risk. By completing these trails, the project connects LSU to the I-10 Greenway and finalizes the transportation side of the \$100 million University Lakes Restoration.

This project represents a responsible use of taxpayer funds because it fixes a documented safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians, reduces the government's liability for accidents, and finishes a high-priority project that has already seen massive state and local investment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS