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March 24, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 2051

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Saluda Grade Trail and Downtown Improvements Project for the City of Saluda in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Saluda, located at 6 E Main St, Saluda, NC 28773.

The funding would be used for the design, engineering, and construction of the 3.5-mile Saluda segment of the Saluda Grade Trail, creating a safe, accessible, and continuous multi-use corridor from downtown Saluda to Henderson County's Bell Park trailhead. This project focuses on converting an aging rail corridor into a modern, resilient, and ADA-compliant trail that meets current standards for surface quality, drainage, slope, and user safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is for the purposes authorized by 42 USC 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Chuck Edwards
Member of Congress