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May 2, 2025

Chair Tom Cole
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 to the City of Indianapolis for the Howland Ditch Greenway Flood Control Improvement Project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Indianapolis, located at 200 East Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204.

The funding would be used to develop the design to revert the piped and channelized stream to a two stage ditch, add floodplain storage and reduce impervious area. It will use natural solutions in a developed area to create resiliency and reduce associated flooding costs. The proposed improvements remove 20 structures of 31 structures from the floodplain.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide long-term, permanent risk reduction by restoring the stream to a more natural system that has capacity to handle flood flows and also reincorporates natural processes such as infiltration and evapotranspiration. The flooding in the area will be reduced and allow for development of housing and jobs within the corridor.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure PreDisaster Hazard Mitigation (PDM), of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress