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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the North Annex Blight Elimination in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Floyd County, Indiana, located at 2524 Corydon Pike, Suite 203, New Albany, Indiana 47150. The funding would be used for the demolition of the former poor farm and mental health facility, a blighted structure that has been vacant for over a decade and is unsafe to inhabit. The building is located adjacent to Sam Peden Community Park, one of the most visited parks in Floyd County. Asbestos remediation has been completed, and the county is prepared to proceed with demolition.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will eliminate a long-standing blighted structure on a highly visible frontage road adjacent to a major public park. The demolition was identified as a priority in the recently completed Sam Peden Community Park Master Plan, which incorporated extensive public input through online surveys, media updates, document postings, and six community engagement events. Removing this blight will allow for redevelopment of the property, enhance neighboring property values and community aesthetics, and benefit all Floyd County residents who use the park.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Erin Houchin
Member of Congress
Indiana's 9th Congressional District