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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Twin State Railroad Rails-to-Trails project in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for the project is the Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail located at 43 West Kedge Road, Glen, NH 03838.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will transform a dilapidated, state-owned railroad into a recreational trail that will be an economic driver in Coos County. This segment of trail will eventually be part of a larger Vermont and New Hampshire 150-mile trail that will bring more tourists to the region year-round, strengthening the region's thriving outdoor recreation economy. The towns of Whitefield and Dalton, which the trails will connect, have a proven track-record of delivering results for their respective communities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann McLane Kuster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress