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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the construction of the Three Rivers Pedestrian Bridge in Russell County, Virginia.

Sponsoring this project is Russell County, Virginia, with county government offices located at 137 Highland Drive, Suite A, Lebanon, VA 24266.

Funding would be used for the construction of a pedestrian bridge that will provide safe passage for the traveling public, pedestrians, bikers, hikers, and students over the Clinch River to the recently opened Clinch River State Park.

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because crossing the Clinch River, which bisects the town of Saint Paul, Virginia, has posed a safety risk for many years, as the only access for non-motorized traffic was to cross the U.S. Route 58 bridge that has limited access, no pedestrian throughway, and a very high volume of traffic traveling in excess of 50 mph. Leveraging the rapid growth of the asset-based economy in the region, the addition of a pedestrian bridge across the Clinch River will provide safer access and encourage greater usage of multiple local and regional assets including the Clinch River State Park, University of Virginia at Wise Oxbow Ecological Center, Wetlands Estonia, Market Square, St. Paul's Lyric Theater, Bluebell Island Trails, Farmers Market, and surrounding businesses.

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

Sincerely,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress