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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
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Back of the Dragon Overlook and Cavitt's Creek Park Revitalization in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Tazewell County, Virginia with offices located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651.

Funding would be used to develop a design plan for an overlook on a stretch of Route 16 – known as the Back of the Dragon – famed for its natural beauty and to enhance accessibility of the County's Cavitt's Creek Park, which is located right off this stretch of Route 16. The Back of the Dragon is one of the region's largest tourist attractions and Cavitt's Creek Park is a frequent resting spot for tourists and visitors.

The tourism industry in Tazewell County is critical to its economic development and success as it moves forward from its coal mining heritage. It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars since funding for these projects will promote the County's tourism industry, boost equity in accessibility for County residents and visitors, and help develop its critical infrastructure.

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

Sincerely,

H. Morgan Griffith
Member of Congress