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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,009,286.00 for the New River Pedestrian Trail (High Bridge) project in fiscal year 2026. This funding would be used to pedestrianize a historic trestle to connect Pulaski County to the City of Radford and Radford University over the New River.

The entity to receive this funding is County of Pulaski, Virginia, with county government offices located at 143 Third Street NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24141.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the unused trestle has been identified as the most cost-effective approach to providing pedestrian connectivity across the New River to serve the important Valley to Valley Trail project that would connect the New River Valley to the Roanoke Valley. The improvement project would serve to preserve the historic trestle, enhance the Radford University campus, connect and bolster two localities and stimulate new investments and economic development opportunities.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1)(C).

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

Sincerely,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress