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## U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Singing River Trail Extension in Courtland, Town Creek, and Leighton, AL project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Launch 2035 (DBA: Singing River Trail), located at 320 Pelham Ave, Suite 403, Huntsville, AL, 35801. The funding would be used for expanding the "Try Towns" segment of the Singing River Trail, a planned 220+ mile greenway that will connect North Alabama municipalities and counties from Florence to Bridgeport. The "Try Towns" segment will connect three towns within Alabama's 4th District, Courtland, Town Creek, and Leighton.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide rural areas and small towns without accessible public greenspace or exercise facilities with a health and wellness outlet, better access to natural resources and outdoor education, community building, and economic development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

Robert B. Aderholt Member of Congress