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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair Committee on Appropriations 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 Garnet A. Wilson Public Library Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library, located at 207 N. Market St, Waverly, OH 45690.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will fund the construction of a new main library facility in Waverly, Ohio. Building a new library in Waverly will address multiple community needs, as the library provides important services including access to educational resources, job search assistance, career development and employment resources, and technology services that help close the digital divide. The current library location is inadequate, and now is closed due to fire, smoke, and water damage from a recent fire in an adjacent building. Building a new library will ensure that the critical community services provided by the library are able to continue into the future.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.

Member of Congress