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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Chris Walsh Memorial Trail in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Framingham, located at 150 Concord Street, Framingham, MA 01702.

The funding would be used for construction of the Chris Walsh Memorial Trail Phase 1. State Representative Chris Walsh, before his untimely death in 2018, worked for years to reunite the City with Farm Pond. As an architect, a champion of greenways, and a historian who knew well the historic significance of this pond that hosted national gatherings of abolitionists and suffragists, he recognized the power of this extraordinary resource to transform the image of the City and the quality of life for its diverse residents. This project will focus on connecting the Farm Pond and Dudley Road recreational areas, consisting of 100+ acres of open space, to Downtown Framingham and its underserved population by utilizing the Sudbury Aqueduct that runs through Farm Pond and preserving the historic pump house seated on the aqueduct. The trail's easternmost point will be at the edge of MBTA commuter rail lot, making this trail accessible to other state residents via public transportation.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine M. Clark".

Katherine M. Clark
Member of Congress