

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1403**

March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kosciusko County Syracuse-Wawasee Trails in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Kosciusko, located at 100 West Center Street, Warsaw, IN 46580. The funding would be used to construct approximately 2.2 miles of multi-use trail along the State Road 13 corridor between Grandview Drive and County Road 1000 North in northern Kosciusko County, Indiana. Phase I will advance the first 1.1 miles of construction and create a separated pedestrian and bicycle facility serving residents, students, and visitors in the Syracuse/Turkey Creek Township/Lake Wawasee area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because State Road 13 serves as a primary transportation corridor for residents, students, and visitors traveling through the Lake Wawasee area. Currently, there is no safe infrastructure for pedestrians or cyclists despite the corridor serving residential neighborhoods, schools, businesses and recreational destinations. Residents and students frequently walk or bike along narrow highway shoulders, creating significant safety concerns. The project addresses these risks by providing a safe, separated multi-use pathway.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Marlin Stutzman  
Member of Congress