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April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Tree Canopy Enhancement for Community Health and Resilience in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Royal Oak, located at 203 S. Troy Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067. The funding would be used for helping Royal Oak achieve the state's goal of urban tree canopies meeting or exceeding 40 percent. The initiative includes an aerial report to establish an accurate baseline and a community-wide planting of 300 trees. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the tree canopy will assist with pollution mitigation, stormwater absorption, and air cooling in the summer. Robust tree canopies assist with sequestering carbon in the air and reducing the heat island effect, which in turn reduces the need for air conditioning. The project will also meet several goals outlined in the 2016-2026 Urban Forestry Action plan. For example, it will "Strengthen Urban and Community Forest Health and Biodiversity for Long-Term Resilience" by diversifying tree species, including native species for health and resilience, and increasing the community's tree inventory.

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

Sincerely,



ANDY LEVIN
Member of Congress