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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

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I am requesting funding for Bates Township Hall Preservation in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bates Hall Preservation Society, located at PO Box 542, Iron River, MI 49935. The funding would be used for the restoration of the township hall. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the area lacks a community gathering space to serve the residents of Bates Township and the surrounding area.

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,

Jack Bergman Member of Congress