

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2201

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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:

I am requesting funding for the Houghton County Jail in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Houghton County, located at 401 E Houghton Ave, Houghton Michigan 49931. The funding would be used to engineer and design a new jail in Houghton County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the condition of the current jail makes it a safety concern for the sheriffs and the local community. The current jail was built in 1963, and it's not possible to renovate it due to the extent of rework that would be required by the Michigan Department of Corrections if any upgrades are done. A new jail is needed that can accommodate a larger inmate population and address the safety concerns that come with an out-of-date layout and equipment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Jack Bergman  
Member of Congress

