

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 Securing the Future of Great Lakes Education - Suttons Bay, MI in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Inland Seas Education Association, located at 100 Dame St #218, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. The funding would be used for the expansion of the Inland Seas Education Association's campus. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Great Lakes are an economic driver to Michigan and this expansion project will provide the public, particularly youth, with a better understanding of the complex issues facing the Great Lakes.

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

