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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Norfolk Nebraska Land Acquisition project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Norfolk located at 309 N 5th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701. The funding will be used to support the acquisition of approximately 32 acres at the former Norfolk Livestock Market (Stockyards) site.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps the City of Norfolk address a long-vacant, blighted property that private redevelopment has not been able to move forward due to site conditions, acquisition challenges, and the cost of preparing the property for reuse. Federal participation would support the City's acquisition of the former Stockyards site, giving the community the ability to secure site control and take the first practical step toward redevelopment of approximately 32 acres in south Norfolk. This is a preventative and catalytic investment; it reduces the public costs associated with prolonged vacancy and deterioration, responds to neighborhood concerns, and creates the conditions for future private investment, tax base growth, and job-supporting redevelopment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Yours very truly,



Michael J. Flood
Member of Congress