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The Honorable Kay Granger
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Passenger Rail Restoration Project in fiscal year 24. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority (PNRRA), located at 280 Cliff Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 18503. The funding would be used for the purchase and installation of 42,956 crossties and 85,912 tie plates, to allow for the safe increase in operating speeds for the proposed new Amtrak passenger train service to northeastern Pennsylvania. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will modernize the rail corridor and enable the safe operation of passenger rail passenger rail for citizens, students, leisure travelers, business owners and workers to use.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress