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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Stark County Administrative Building project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Stark County, located at 130 W Main St, Toulon, IL 61483. The funding would be used for the construction of a new county administrative building.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current Stark County administrative facilities are severely outdated, lack ADA compliance, and no longer adequately serve the needs of residents or county staff. County services are currently spread across multiple buildings, requiring residents to travel between locations to access essential services such as tax records, voting information, and board meeting materials. This creates significant barriers for the public, particularly older adults and individuals with mobility challenges. The proposed new county administrative building will consolidate these essential services under one roof, provide fully ADA-compliant and accessible public spaces, improve public access to county information, enhance security for the neighboring courthouse, and reduce long-term operating costs through energy-efficient design, ensuring that Stark County residents and taxpayers are served by a facility that meets the community's needs.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darin LaHood".

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress

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