



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 21, 2025

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for New Hampshire Statewide Rail Trail User Counting Network in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Rockingham Planning Commission, located at 156 Water Street, Exeter, NH 03833. The funding would be used for purchasing and installing 68 permanent counting sites on 35 rail trails across New Hampshire.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the network will provide data on daily, weekly and seasonal patterns of trail use and activity type across New Hampshire's network of rail trails; allow assessment of growth in trail use following facility improvements; and provide information to help towns, chambers of commerce and individual businesses leverage trails as economic catalysts for their communities.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code § 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Pappas".

Chris Pappas
Member of Congress