

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1005**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Heroes Walk: Promoting Economic Development through Pedestrian Infrastructure in Atlanta's Sweet Auburn in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Sweet Auburn Works, located at 228 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303. The funding would be used for the construction of a placemaking initiative will weave together a system of existing multi-use trails and points of interest, along with less activated parts of Atlanta's urban core. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because more than one million annual visitors come to the King Historical Park alone, but few travel deeper into the Sweet Auburn neighborhood to dine, shop, or explore. The Heroes Walk aims to capture this lost opportunity for engagement and revenue by creating inviting, safe, and well-designed public space, with ample commercial activity, encouraging visitors to frequent Sweet Auburn as a destination of choice. This project is an investment in economic opportunity, transportation, and public infrastructure.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams  
Member of Congress