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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Mike Simpson  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Homan and Ranking Member Pingree,

I am requesting funding for Phase One Construction of the Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy (CHEERS) in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cleveland Metroparks, located at 4101 Fulton Pkwy, Cleveland, OH 44144.

The Funding would be used for site mobilization, layout and survey services, and in-water construction of 1,610 LF of hybrid grey-green living breakwater. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reinvent and reinvigorate the city of Cleveland's eastern lakefront to public greenspace with access to Lake Erie.

The Project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Clean Water Act. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Shontel M. Brown  
Member of Congress