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# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-1501

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The Honorable Steve Womack  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Housing & Urban Development,  
& Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Clyburn  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Housing & Urban Development,  
& Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn:

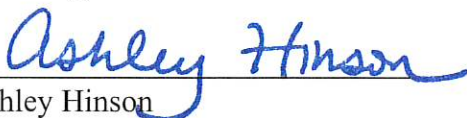
As you craft the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request the inclusion of \$3,000,000 in community project funding for the North Iowa Corridor Workforce Housing Initiative. The intended recipient is Cerro Gordo County, located at 220 N. Washington Ave, Mason City, Iowa 50401.

This project will address a critical shortage of workforce housing in Cerro Gordo County by supporting site acquisition, relocation, rehabilitation, and new construction of affordable housing units. The goal is to provide attainable housing for new and existing workers, including teachers, nurses, police officers, and entry-level employees and their families.

The 2008-2009 floods destroyed nearly 200 homes, and housing demand has outpaced supply for over a decade. Despite local efforts, there remains a shortage of more than 500 units. This initiative will directly support countywide economic development goals to improve or build up to 1,000 units by 2030.

This investment is vital to meeting workforce demands, easing housing cost pressures, and strengthening the long-term vitality of communities in northeast Iowa. I urge the Committee to support this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ashley Hinson  
Member of Congress  
Committee on Appropriations