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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the 1000 S. Central Ave Park Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Glendale located at 613 E. Broadway, Room 120, Glendale, California 91206. The funding would be used to convert a vacant commercial property into a new public park in south Glendale, one of the most park-deficient areas in the city.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses the severe lack of accessible parkland and recreational space in a densely populated and underserved area of the district. With only 0.3 park acres per 1,000 residents, south Glendale falls dramatically below Los Angeles County's park standard, limiting opportunities for outdoor recreation, community gathering, and physical and mental wellbeing. This project will expand green space and recreational access, which has associated public health benefits and supports mental well-being, and includes amenities such as picnic tables, shade structures, and playgrounds that will offer new and expanded social opportunities, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for community members of south Glendale.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress