

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0530

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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 Brookside Park Safety Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pasadena located at 100 N Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101. The funding would be used to complete critical updates to the park's field lighting infrastructure, which will significantly improve park safety and visibility, and allow for athletic field usage after sunset.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current lighting system provides poor positioning and inadequate illumination, which reduces player performance and creates safety concerns during evening play. This project will provide much needed lighting upgrades, including removal of the current light fixtures, necessary electrical upgrades, and the procurement and installation of new LED light systems. These improvements are necessary for continued park usage and athletic activity, particularly for youth and community league sporting events that take place on the Jackie Robinson Memorial Field. Additionally, Brookside Park is located within walking distance of the Rose Bowl Stadium and Rose Bowl Aquatics Center, which will host soccer and diving events during the 2028 Summer Olympics. The installation of new LED light systems will prepare the park for an influx of global tourists attending the Olympics by providing lighting for outdoor staging areas.

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