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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 Central Park Block project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Glendale, located at 613 East Broadway, Room 120, Glendale, CA 91206. The funding would be used to expand and construct 2.71 acres of new and improved park space in Downtown Glendale. The Central Park Block is a multi-use civic and recreational area that contains Central Park, the Adult Recreation Center, and Central Library. The goal of the project is to revitalize underutilized spaces and expand the public benefit of the area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project would promote economic development by attracting visitors and supporting local businesses, hotels, restaurants, stores, and malls in the area. Additionally, the project would improve livability and quality of life for the community by making street right-of-way and infrastructure improvements to the area. The project would also improve accessibility and access to park amenities and ensure that the area is ADA accessible.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(5). 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