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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2313 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Blackwelder Community Greenbelt Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles, located at 200 N Main St Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The \$500,000 request will transform underutilized land along Ballona Creek into vibrant green space. The project includes land acquisition and construction of stormwater gardens, bike and walking trails, and native landscaping to improve flood management, create new recreational opportunities, and enhance habitat connectivity.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will create and enhance new green and park spaces, improve public access to waterways, and strengthen flood management.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Sydney Kamlager-Dove
Member of Congress