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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Franklin Park Conservatory North Star Master Plan Phase 1 Infrastructure in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District, located at 1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43203. The funding would be used for capital infrastructure construction at its public facility. Federal funds will support construction of a new ADA-accessible South Comfort Building providing public restrooms, changing facilities, and nursing rooms, with a lower level housing plumbing and pump infrastructure serving the surrounding grounds. Funds will also support installation of a site-wide stormwater retention system to meet City of Columbus runoff regulations, a North Courtyard bioretention system for stormwater capture, filtration, and groundwater recharge, and a rainwater collection system providing non-potable water to reduce potable water consumption.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will preserve a historic and nationally significant landmark while enhancing accessibility, sustainability, and educational opportunities for all visitors.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Beatty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress