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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Austin - Bartholomew District Park Stormwater Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, located at 301 West Second Street, Second Floor, Austin, TX 78701.

The funding would be used to add a permanent pool on the main stem of Tannehill Branch Creek with stacked extended detention pool by constructing a new structure just upstream of the existing outlet for the existing flood control dam in the park. A Safe Routes to School all ages/all abilities urban trail will be constructed over the existing dam crest. Other improvements include an informal creek crossing for the disc golf course, paths for maintenance access, sidewalk improvements around the parking lot, and extension of wastewater manhole vents above the 100-year floodplain. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will manage stormwater flows and improve water quality in a highly urbanized watershed. It will not only result in decreased loading of excess nutrients and toxic sediment but also improve hydrology and riparian habitat. It will enhance recreational use and provide safe mobility for the public.

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,

Lloyd Doggett