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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 UT Austin -Waller Creek Restoration and Connectivity project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Texas at Austin, located at 110 Inner Campus Drive, Austin, TX 78712.

The funding would be used for UT Austin to launch a multiphase investment to connect the Austin and university communities through Waller Creek trail via a safe, beautiful and publicly engaging landscape. Federal funding would accelerate the design work and restoration of an approximately 1,300-foot-long segment of the creek to include design of an accessible pedestrian and bicycle pathway and extensive riparian restoration to stabilize creek banks and add flood-resilient infrastructure with accessible pathways along the Waller Creek corridor between UT Austin's Alumni Center to the north and 15th Street/Waterloo Park to the south.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as the state's flagship institution, UT Austin has a responsibility to model accessibility, safety, and environmental care. These improvements will transform a currently fragmented corridor into a connected, welcoming, and resilient public resource - benefiting the entire Austin community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett