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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Central Park Footpath Restoration Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, located at 117-02 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, NY 11368. The funding would be used to restore some of Central Park's paths, improving both accessibility and safety for visitors, especially seniors and individuals with disabilities, and helping to maintain the park in good repair.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Central Park is a vital public space that serves millions of residents and visitors each year. Maintaining its infrastructure, including safe, accessible footpaths, is essential to ensuring equitable access and preserving the park's function as a recreational and cultural resource for all New Yorkers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress