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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 Ralph Bunche Park Renovation in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, located at 117-02 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, NY 11368. The funding would be used to improve This well-used public park, in close proximity the headquarters of the United Nations, which has fallen into significant disrepair over the years. The project would include renovation of the bluestone pavement, renovation of the "Isaiah Wall" and northwest granite staircase, new plantings, seating, and other park amenities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Ralph Bunche Park is an important open space amenity for local residents, as well as an economic driver for small businesses in the area, as the park has traditionally served as a gathering place for rallies and events, given the park's proximity to the United Nations Headquarters. The project will very much benefit the communities bordering the park.

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

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

Sincerely,

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Jerrold Nadler Member of Congress