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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Milwaukee County Parks Lagoon Revitalization Project that would help develop solutions and clean up lagoons in Washington Park and Veterans Park in Milwaukee, WI. The entity to receive funding for this project is Milwaukee County Parks Department, located at 9480 W. Watertown Plank Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

The funding would be used to study declining water quality at Veterans Park that inhibits the use of this centrally located asset and which raise human and animal health concerns for residents and tourists alike. Funding would also be used at Washington Park to implement storm water infrastructure improvements to mitigate serious public health and safety concerns, and to improve the ecological health of the lagoon which is threatened by an increasing nutrient load that is causing significant and potentially toxic algal blooms, threatening the availability of a central feature of the park for users.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly contribute to maintaining viable environmental and natural resources, protect the public's health, and protect and restore public assets that are used by our residents and visitors to the city, including for recreational and educational enrichment. Additionally, the work at Washington Park will in part, revitalize the lagoon to provide adequate stormwater capacity during storm events, a critical component to preserving the local wastewater utility's sewage infrastructure and ultimately protecting Lake Michigan on the eastern border of Milwaukee.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding aligns with purposes outlined in 42 USC 5305(a)(2) for the rehabilitation of public facilities involving the conservation of open natural resources, and the provision of recreational opportunities.

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, appearing to read "Gwen Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gwen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Moore".

Gwen Moore

Member of Congress