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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 24, 2023

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 Washington Park Expansion Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Urban Ecology Center, located at 1500 E Park Place, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

The funding would be used for infrastructure improvements at historic Washington Park to help support environmental education, nature-based learning, and other activities that help make this park a keystone of the Milwaukee County Park System. Milwaukee's Washington Park, which is the primary focal point of this project, sits in a densely populated neighborhood where over 30% live below the poverty line.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will result in a number of measurable goals, including improved mental health and park safety for residents. Supporting this project, which builds up on capital campaign the UEC has almost completed on its main facility in the park, will also help support efforts to improve student academic achievement, create new jobs, support job training, encourage volunteerism, and help the surrounding neighborhood become attractive to small businesses, and, if done correctly, can jumpstart a significant influx of new community resources. Also worth noting, as it relates to public health, the UEC is the lead agency engaged in an exciting partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin and a number of other community partners linking the value of public green spaces to the immediate health benefits of nearby residents and park-users; specifically related to air quality and stress.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

immediate family.

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore  
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.