

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3006

March 27, 2026

The Hon. Tom Cole
Chairman
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

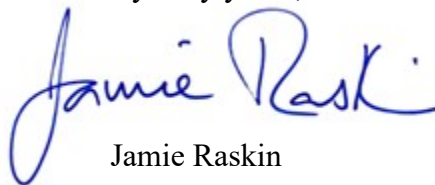
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Freedman's State Park Historic Preservation in Montgomery County in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, located at 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401. The funding would be used to restore historic structures and public access as the centerpiece of the emerging Freedman's State Park in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide new services and opportunities, including outdoor recreation, educational programming and tourism which will benefit the surrounding businesses and communities.

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), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Very truly yours,



Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress