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House of Representatives
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The Hon. Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Northwest Branch SVU3 Trail Rehabilitation, Montgomery County, Maryland, Eighth Congressional District in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, located at 2425 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902.

The funding would be used for improving a section of the Northwest Branch SVU3 Trail in Montgomery County, Maryland. The project will repave a section of the trail that is currently pitted, cracked and uneven, and prone to flooding in certain sections. Accordingly, today the trail is difficult to use and unsafe for commuters and youth, whether traveling by bike or on foot. The project will also pave a section of the trail that is currently gravel, replace bridges and culverts that are in "serious" condition and require replacement for continued safe usage of the trail, and will install wayfinding/safety signage to support the trail's use by bicyclists and pedestrians. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the rehabilitated trail will improve the community's access to the public bus and rail transit systems, improving commutes, facilitating access to economic opportunity, and providing a safe means of access for youth.

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

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