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Chairwoman Kay Granger
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the ADA Paving Improvements to Lenn Park project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Culpeper County, located at 302 North Main Street, Culpeper, Virginia 22701. The funding would be used for ADA Improvements to Lenn Park to pave the parking lots and the trail loops around the softball fields, dog park, fitness equipment, amphitheater, pollinator garden, and shelter. Lenn Park currently has gravel and crushed stone parking lots and trails throughout the 85-acre park, making the park amenities inaccessible to many residents of the county. These funds would be used to grade and pave the existing trail network to make them fully ADA accessible. The paved trail network would offer connecting access to all the amenities in Lenn Park for use by the community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the park currently serves more than 50,000 residents every year. Lenn Park is a staple of the community and, if awarded, these funds would allow Culpeper County to increase the accessibility of the park's facilities and provide the community with an ADA-accessible trail and parking facility, making it user-friendly for the entire community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which states that eligible activities include "special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons."

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

Sincerely,



Abigail Spanberger
Member of Congress