## Congress of the United States **House of Representatives**

March 31, 2023

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 Greene County Park Safety Improvements project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is County of Greene, located at 40 Celt Road, Stanardsville, VA 22973. The funding would be used for the addition of safety features including an overflow parking lot, paving of the main parking lot, lighting for both parking lots, bringing public water to the park's concession stand and restroom building, winterizing the concession stand and restroom building for year-round access, installing a programmable electronic gate at the entrance, and the installation of lighting at the playground. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety for both the community utilizing the park facilities and the Parks & Recreation staff. The safety and access improvements will allow for greater use of the facilities by the community and sporting groups from across the region during hours of operation, while providing no-cost fitness activities for Greene County residents, thus improving health outcomes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which states that eligible activities include "the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements."

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

Strigin & O gnanderge