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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Brush Creek Greenway Improvements, for Fiscal Year 2025. The City of Kansas City MO Parks and Recreation Department is located at 4600 E. 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64130.

This project will create improved pedestrian and recreational opportunities for the neighborhoods that were fractured by the Bruce R Watkins Highway Project and the Brush Creek Flood Control Project. The historic Mid-Town Freeway Project created a highway through urban neighborhoods, and flooding improvement projects along the urban Brush Creek in preceding decades removed much of the community pedestrian and recreational areas along the creek. The planned improvements include sidewalks along Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard from Woodland to Elmwood Ave, and a trail connection along the creek from the new pedestrian bridge by Benton over Brush Creek. The park will be supported by a parking lot, improved street crossing for pedestrians and additional utilities.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will provide safety and pedestrian improvements to an area that is currently underutilized and provide better access to neighborhood recreational parks for residents, some of whom currently have to cross Brush Creek along busy streets.

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

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Member of Congress

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