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

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Acquisition & Development of Linden Park in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of East Rochester, located at 317 Main Street, Suite 2000, East Rochester, New York 14445.

The funding would be used to convert 3 acres of private property with a vacant structure into a park with a lodge, pavilion, and dedicated recreational activities for a community in need, supporting the Opportunity Agenda goal of revitalizing distressed communities. Adding open, green space for low-income residents aligns with Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) themes of “Community Building” and “Trauma.” The FLREDC works with RMAPI to reduce poverty, a main goal of its strategic plan. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the development of a new park with a lodge that can be rented, and a pavilion that can hold 60 to 80 people will be a draw for residents and visitors from neighboring municipalities to make day trips to the Town/Village of East Rochester. Park users will support local stores and restaurants by purchasing groceries and various other items for events at the park.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress