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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Columbia Park Water Conservation Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Torrance, located at 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance CA 90503. The funding would be used for removing existing grass turf sports fields and irrigation systems and constructing environmentally-friendly artificial turf sports fields at Columbia Park. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this is the largest park in Torrance, and it draws hundreds of youth sports and outdoor recreation users from the entire South Bay and neighboring cities in the region. Maintaining fields with intensive irrigation needs, grass growth cycles, and heavy use is not cost-effective or sustainable. High-quality artificial turf is a low-maintenance alternative that is better for the environment as it requires almost no watering, no use of harsh chemicals like pesticides, and no air-polluting equipment such as lawnmowers. The new synthetic turf will save valuable water resources and allow for year-round use.

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.

Sincerely,



Ted Lieu
Member of Congress