

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named "Doctor's Run Park Improvements" in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arlington County, located at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington VA 22201.

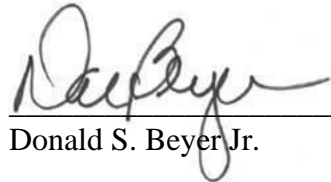
This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it has been over two decades since the last upgrade to Doctor's Run Park, which is among the County's most heavily used and serves a working-class community with many pre-school and school-age children and has one of the lowest average incomes of any area in the County. The project would address compliance issues with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in addition to improving stormwater management and mitigating flooding concerns.

The scope of work includes replacements of the children's playground, volleyball court, and picnic shelter in addition to drainage and stormwater management improvements. Constructed in 2003, the children's playground and wooden picnic pavilion have outlasted their typical useful life and do not provide adequate accessibility in compliance with the ADA. Due to the park's shared boundary with Randolph Elementary School, many elementary-age school children pass through it daily on their way to and from the school. Additionally, the project will address worsening erosion and drainage issues that have arisen at the park and nearby neighborhoods due to the site's sloping topography.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by U.S.C. 5305 (a)(1) and U.S.C. 5305 (a)(2), as the renovations of the park include the provision of recreational opportunities and public works, and will involve the reconstruction and installation of public works facilities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Donald S. Beyer Jr.