

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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named “Douglas Park, Phase Two” in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 301 King Street, Alexandria VA 22314.

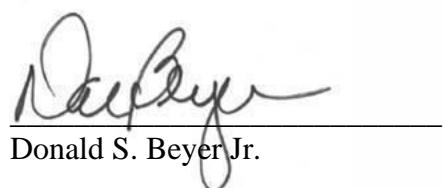
This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it has been nearly three decades since the last upgrade to Douglas Park, and despite regular maintenance, many of the structures, paths, bridges, and retaining walls are past their useful life and in need of replacement. The project would address compliance issues with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in addition to improving stormwater management and mitigating flooding concerns.

The scope of work includes replacement of the children’s playground, one additional pedestrian bridge, earthwork, site circulation and site furnishings, including benches, trash and recycling receptacles, picnic tables, signage, bicycle racks, landscaping and storm water management facilities. The pavement condition on the paths and trails has deteriorated, as well as the wooden picnic pavilion, and pedestrian bridges which are not in compliance with ADA requirements. These improvements will revitalize this aging park, improve accessibility, and help mitigate the impacts of flooding in the park and surrounding neighborhoods.

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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.