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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Marine Park Nature Trail Bridge in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, located at 117-02 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, NY 11368. The funding would be used to reconstruct the pedestrian bridge spanning the Marine Park Salt Marsh in Brooklyn, strategically positioned adjacent to the Marine Park Nature Center and at the entrance to the Salt Marsh Nature Trail. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure that visitors will continue to have access to the Marine Park Nature Center to learn about the importance of the salt marshes to the wildlife that inhabit Jamaica Bay and how protecting this ecosystem contributes to the City's coastal resiliency and environmental sustainability goals.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES
Member of Congress