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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 Playground Rehabilitation in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Education, located at 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY, 10007. The funding would be used to upgrade multiple playgrounds including to resurface them to a safer blacktop material to prevent injuries and to purchase new play equipment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve educational spaces in New York's Eighth Congressional District. It will also improve the experience and safety of students at Brooklyn's public schools and the broader community that accesses these public spaces.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 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