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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-305, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the San Diego River Center at Grant Park in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The San Diego River Park Foundation, located at 4891 Pacific Highway, Suite 114, San Diego, CA 92110. The funding would be used to help construct a 17-acre public neighborhood park, outdoor nature experience facility, and associated support building in a park-deficient community. Once completed, the site will offer free learning experiences for students from traditionally underserved communities to promote equitable access to nature.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide greatly needed support to 10,000 students from underserved communities access to nature and STEM based learning experiences and public park facilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Member of Congress