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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Park Drive Flood Mitigation Implementation in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201. The funding would be used to implement flood mitigation solutions – a flood berm or levee – in the Cherry Hill neighborhood, which lies in a 100-year floodplain. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is expected to improve flood resilience in the Cherry Hill neighborhood while maintaining accessibility and minimizing environmental impact. By implementing this levee, the City can minimize damage from flooding, reduce potential recovery costs and preserve property values, making it a cost-effective long-term investment for the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 205 of the 1948 Flood Control Act.

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

Sincerely,

STENY H. HOYER