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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6502

March 27, 2026

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 UMD RecWell's Outdoor Experience Pavilions project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maryland, College Park, located at 7999 Regents Dr., College Park, MD 20742. The funding would be used to construct two outdoor learning pavilions designed to offer sheltered nature-connected spaces for experiential education. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enhances opportunities for inclusive education across diverse communities within Prince George's County. The pavilions act as central gathering hubs, supporting skill development and breaking down barriers to participation exemplified by unified flag football where UMD students play alongside Special Olympic athletes. By connecting learning with nature, the pavilions also foster a deeper appreciation for the surrounding environment.

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), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steny Hoyer".

STENY H. HOYER