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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Brooklyn Basin Blight Removal and Shoreline Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Oakland, located at One Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612.

The funding would be used to support the removal of blight and illegally dumped materials at the Brooklyn Basin Development Project, 64 acres of waterfront property on former industrial land owned and operated by the Port of Oakland. Funding will also be used to address coastal shoreline erosion.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address blight and illegally dumped materials along the Oakland estuary, which will enhance outdoor access for low-income and other residents – including seniors and families.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 5305 of Chapter 69, Title 42, of the United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

Lateefah Simon
Member of Congress