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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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Lake Temescal Improvement Project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the East Bay Regional Park District, located at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA.

The funding would be used to improve water quality, restore habitat, and expand recreational access at Lake Temescal through sediment removal, algae mitigation, and shoreline stabilization. These improvements would prevent lake closures for the public that can last weeks to months. The funding would benefit an estimated 40,000 to 60,000 annual visitors.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements will lower maintenance costs by stabilizing the shoreline and controlling erosion. The project would protect public health by addressing declining water quality. This project would also strengthen the local economy by creating jobs, protecting property values, and supporting nearby small businesses to the park.

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,

Lateefah Simon  
Member of Congress