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March 27, 2026

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
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bernards Pleasant Valley Park Culvert and Paths project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Township of Bernards, located at 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

The funding would be used for the construction of a culvert at Pleasant Valley Park. Currently, hundreds of vehicles per day drive through the stream the intersects the park road, negatively impacting the water quality. The construction of a culvert would reduce water pollution, provide a safe crossing to the rear of the park, and allow the construction of new paths throughout the park. Additionally, the project greatly expands walking and exercise opportunities, especially for the veterans who live at Valley Brook Village, the HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing apartments on the Lyons VA campus next to the park.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it eliminates water pollution risks, enhances safety for pedestrians and motorists, and enables greater usage of 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. H. Kean, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress