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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
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 Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Columbus Park Refectory Improvements** project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Park District located at 4830 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60609. The funding would be to support the renovation of the historic Columbus Park Refectory in the Austin community. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps ensure that an historic, frequently-used community events venue remains available to meet local needs for public amenities for events, recreation, and public engagement.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized for community development by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Danny K. Davis  
Member of Congress