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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the **Safe Crossing over Beckley Ave: Pedestrian/Bike Land Bridge** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Trinity Park Conservancy** located at 1444 Oak Lawn, Ste. 200, Dallas, TX 75207.

The funding would be used to enhance the brick-and-mortar construction of a land bridge between the West Overlook and the western levee of the Trinity River– safely conveying pedestrians and cyclists over the bustling Beckley Avenue and onto the trails which will take them to many of Dallas' urban corridors.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the land bridge will help reconnect historically divided communities and major employment centers, while bolstering healthy lifestyles and reducing dependence on cars. This land bridge will create a seamless experience for visitors and commuters to go from the West Dallas community into our region's riverfront trail network, which connects to other spine trail networks and will ultimately connect commuters between Dallas and Fort Worth.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized 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, Jac

Colin Allred Member of Congress