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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lawncrest Recreation Center Pool Renovation in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Philadelphia, located at 1515 Arch Street, Mezzanine, Philadelphia, PA 19128.

The funding would be used for the construction of an ADA accessible entryway, the construction of ADA accessible bathrooms, roof repairs, and the construction of a lifeguard office space. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the pool is a public gathering space for many Philadelphia residents. The facility is 50 years old and requires investment to ensure it can continue operating safely for the thousands of children, teenagers, and families who enjoy it. Significant leaking from the pool requires the Recreation Leader to monitor the water level and add more water throughout the day. Leaks from the pool flood the outdoor basketball courts and have been so significant at times that the Recreation Leader was forced to cancel basketball programming. The pool equipment is past its useful lifespan and needs to be replaced. The pool deck, basin, entrance from Comly Street, and bathrooms in the pool clubhouse are not currently ADA compliant, limiting access for those with physical disabilities and other limitations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 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 blue ink that reads "Brendan F. Boyle".

Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress