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

I am requesting funding for the Ventura County Meiners Oaks Botanical Park Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 312 E. El Roblar Drive, Ojai, CA.

The funding would be used to construct a nature-based park at 312 E. El Roblar Drive in Meiners Oaks, an unincorporated community adjacent to the City of Ojai. The County of Ventura has been meeting the recreational needs of county residents since the establishment of the first county park in 1904. The Meiners Oaks Botanical Park is a 2-acre “wild” park, designed for kids and families, to be built at 312 East El Roblar Drive in Meiners Oaks, a community adjacent to the City of Ojai in California. The park is designed to address the “nature deficit” by giving kids a safe, accessible place to connect to nature – a place to climb, run, jump, gaze, and wonder.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide an outdoor space for families and children to recreate.

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,

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress