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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member 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 Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Trails and Open Space in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Anne Arundel County, MD, located at 44 Calvert St, Annapolis, MD 21401. This project will extend the natural trail system into the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park in order to create a 4-5 mile shared-use natural corridor for hikers, bikers and equestrians through the Chesapeake Heritage Area. The trail will provide access to historical points in the County, including the old farmstead at Bacon Ridge, the memorial cemetery in Crownsville and the forthcoming museum in Crownsville. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will also support the demolition of dilapidated structures at the site to create open space for the long-term development and planning of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park and allow for public access to a historically significant site in the heart of the County.

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)(4). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

John P. Sarbanes

Member of Congress