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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Kane County Forest Preserve for the Urban Ecology Field Station in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, located at 1996 South Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134.

The funding would be used to construct an Urban Ecology Field Station based at the Arlene Shoemaker Forest Preserve in Aurora. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide community members in Kane County's urban centers, especially the City of Aurora, with access to a nature center that has programs, educational exhibits, and outdoor infrastructure relevant to their unique urban ecology.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Bill Foster
Member of Congress