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

The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
The Honorable Mike Quigley, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations

RE: Martinez San Francisco Bay Trail Gap Closure Project

Dear Chairs Granger and Cole and Ranking Members DeLauro and Quigley:

I respectfully request \$900,000 in Community Project Funding for the Martinez San Francisco Bay Trail Gap Closure Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the East Bay Regional Park District located at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California 94605-5320. However, the project is in my Congressional district.

This Community Project Funding would be used to complete a half-mile gap in a separated bicycle and pedestrian path between the existing George Miller Regional Trail and the Intermodal Amtrak Station in downtown Martinez. When completed, this project will achieve a continuously paved, regional trail route connecting the Cities of Vallejo, Benicia, Crockett, and Martinez, California within the San Francisco Bay Trail network.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the East Bay Regional Park District has already secured significant funding to construct the project, including \$1.8 million from California State Parks. In addition, the Martinez San Francisco Bay Trail Gap Closure Project is listed as a priority in the San Francisco Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission's most recent regional transportation improvement plan. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 133 of title 23, United States Code.

Pursuant to Clause, 17 of Rule XXIII of the U.S. House of Representatives, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does my immediate family. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress