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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Pike County Recreational Complex. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pike County Recreation Authority, located at 603 Twin Oaks Rd, Williamson, GA 30292.

The funding would be used for improvements to the Pike County Recreation Complex located in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District. The improvements associated with this funding request would include new ball field lighting, a multi-purpose practice field, two new playgrounds that are safe and accessible, an extension of the existing walking trail with several pieces of new outdoor fitness equipment, a new pickleball court, a new basketball court, and additional vehicular parking.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the park was originally built more than 50 years ago and provides the only public organized sports facilities within Pike County. The existing facilities are ageing and inadequate to meet the increasing needs of the County's rapidly growing population. The electrical system for the existing light poles is not up to code. Electrical breakers are constantly tripping, and just this year, one of the light poles caught on fire. The park is also in desperate need of additional parking. During large events, visitors park along the side of the road, across the street, in drainage ditches, and wherever they can fit, which creates a chaotic and dangerous situation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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,



Member of Congress