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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Elephant Hill Open Space Land Acquisition project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority located at 570 W. Avenue 26, Suite 100, Los Angeles, 90065.

This project will support the acquisition of priority parcels within the Elephant Hill open space area in Los Angeles, California. Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority requests \$2,000,000 in funding to support land acquisition to expand publicly accessible open space for surrounding communities. The recipient will be the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), a public land management agency responsible for open space conservation and park development throughout Los Angeles County. Acquisition of these parcels will secure support recreational access for nearby residents.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses urgent public safety and community open space needs in Northeast Los Angeles. Fragmented private ownership has contributed to illegal off-roading and dumping. Public acquisition will allow coordinated land management and expanding safe public access to open space, recreation, and trails for surrounding communities.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Gomez".

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress