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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Anne Arundel County, Maryland's *Fort Smallwood Park Visitors Center Renovation* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Anne Arundel County Government, located at 44 Calvert St, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, this funding would be used to renovate and modernize the historic barracks building to serve as the new visitors center for the park. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the work benefits the public by preserving the cultural heritage, offering educational opportunities along with traditional park benefits, and enhances community health and well-being for those who visit this park yearly.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Elfreth".

Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Howard County, Maryland's *Parkland Stewardship and Habitat Restoration Initiative* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Howard County Government, located at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21403.

If awarded, this funding would be used to remove high-priority invasives using integrated pest management practices, plant 2,000+ native trees and shrubs selected for local ecological benefit, and install signage and community education elements. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the project addresses ecological degradation from invasive species, restores native forest cover, and improves habitat connectivity for pollinators, migratory birds, and native wildlife.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Elfreth".

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