April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $2,500,000 for the Waddell Park Improvements Project for the City of Niles in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The City of Niles, Ohio located at 34 West State Street Niles, Ohio 44446. The physical address of the project location is 213 Sharkey Dr, Niles, OH 44446.

Waddell Park functions as essential public infrastructure in the City of Niles. However, as the city has aged and faced decades of disinvestment and insufficient maintenance, this once shining public park has faced serious infrastructure challenges. The City of Niles has undertaken a comprehensive initiative to improve Wardell Park by, focusing on beautification, health, and safety. These funds would be used to construct a Splash Pad Water Park including a gazebo and comfort station restrooms, erect an adaptive ADA accessible playground, overhaul water and sanitary upgrades to address failures of water supply and sanitation systems, improve fields with artificial turf, as well as fencing replacement and asphalt repairs. The goals are to enhance facility features that promote a healthy community, incorporate an attractive landscape, and allow residents to enjoy a quality-of-life activities in a comfortable setting. This project has multiple benefits to taxpayers as a regional community asset that creates jobs, stimulates community and economic development and is an accessible and welcoming park to enhance the quality of life for Niles residents and visitors.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan  
Member of Congress