Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of $1,000,000.00 for the Indianapolis Arts and Environmental Education Outreach program in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation, located at 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

This request, if funded, will launch an Arts and Environmental Education Outreach program that will fill a large gap in educational instruction for children, particularly disadvantaged youth in neighborhoods suffering from systemic inequities. Arts instruction teaches children great lessons in creativity and provides constructive emotional expression. Environmental education is critical for strengthening stewardship and sustainability for communities.

The initiative is valuable use of taxpayer funds because this program pairs physical education and social development for children from diverse backgrounds and abilities. It will also encourage children to develop variety of skills that will help them grow into concerned and informed citizens of our communities.

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

Sincerely,

André Carson
Member of Congress