

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 23rd, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$800,000 in funding for the Townsend Field ADA Access and Public Improvements Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Santa Clara Unified School District located at 1889 Lawrence Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051

This funding will be used for the reconstruction and improvement of Townsend Field (a shared-use recreation facility) at Buchser Middle School in Santa Clara, enhancing accessibility, safety, and shared community use. The project includes ADA-accessible upgrades such as an accessible track, bleachers, and restroom facilities, as well as installation of energy-efficient LED stadium lighting serving multiple athletic facilities (Townsend Field, the Elmer Johnson softball field, and joint-use tennis courts shared with the City of Santa Clara). Additionally, the project will construct a lighted pedestrian pathway to improve neighborhood connectivity while maintaining campus security. The new construction will also include a wider natural grass sports field. As a heavily used shared facility for students, youth sports, and community members, these improvements will expand equitable access to open space and strengthen local community infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves public recreational facilities, enhances accessibility, and supports safe, energy-efficient community infrastructure consistent with federally authorized programs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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,



Ro Khanna
Member of Congress