



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Accessible Trail project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority located at 33 Las Colinas Lane, San Jose, CA 95119. The funding would be used to create a much-needed ADA accessible trail through a portion of the popular Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve.

The project is an authorized use of taxpayer funds because the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve is a popular location for hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders. The Open Space Authority strives to offer accessible access to nature and this trail would be a unique and valuable addition. There is a great need for accessible trails because there are relatively few in the area. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's TrailLink includes listings for wheelchair accessible trails in California and while there are many accessible trails in and around urban San Jose, there is only one other nearby accessible trail in the more rural, natural areas.

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, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress