

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

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding to enhance **Hanson Park Stadium Renovations** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Board of Education located at 5501 W Fullerton Ave Chicago, IL 60639.

The funding would be used to build an artificial turf field at Hanson Park Stadium. The outdoor spaces at Hanson Park are heavily utilized by students from 43 elementary and high school sports teams, as well as by the community for a wide range of activities. Ultimately, the turf field provides multiple benefits to the community both recreationally and ecologically.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide a safe and engaging environment to learn and play which will directly improve outcomes for the 1,144 students of Hanson Park, as well as overall Belmont Cragin families who have no other safe and accessible outdoor space.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress