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March 15th, 2024

The Honorable Laphonza Butler
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Butler:

I would like to express my support for the Congressionally Direct Spending (CDS) request for the City of Corona's Trails/Trailheads Construction project to be included in the Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) - Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development account CDS appropriations.

The City of Corona is located in the northwestern region of Riverside County bordered by the cities of Riverside, Anaheim, Norco, and Chino Hills. Being one of the more residential cities in the Inland Empire, the 2020 U.S. Census reports that 157,154 people reside in Corona with the following demographics: 48.4% Hispanic or Latino, 46.3% White, 13.4% Two or more races, 10.9% Asian, and 5.9% Black. The median household income is \$103,727 with 8.5% of the population living in poverty.

The City faces limited access to trails within its jurisdiction. To that point, Corona only has three formal trailheads that provide access to the nearby Cleveland National Forest. This has resulted in many unauthorized access points and parking congestion. In conjunction with what is mapped out in the City's Trails Master Plan, the trail head improvements project will provide more pedestrian and bike opportunities, preserve, and improve trail access, close gaps in the City's trail system, connect residents with nature, promote active transportation, and increase the physical activity and health of residents of all abilities through increased accessibility to open spaces. The Trails Master Plan and trails/trailheads project have been shaped by extensive community engagement, stressing the importance of improved trail access for community members at the local and regional level.

As a smaller municipality with limited financial resources, I respectfully ask you to give serious consideration to recommending the requested appropriation of \$1,700,000 to the City of Corona community. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
State Senator, 32nd District