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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Cherry Creek Channel and Overbank Stabilization Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers located at 9307 S. Wadsworth Boulevard, Littleton, CO, 80128. The funding would be used to restore Cherry Creek within Cherry Creek State Park between the Reservoir and Lakeview Drive. This stream reach (Reach 1) is experiencing severe and progressive erosion that adversely impacts water quality in Cherry Creek Reservoir and contributes to additional sediment storage within the reservoir which may impact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' operation of the reservoir for flood control. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will include channel stabilization improvements and grading to balance fill in the Cherry Creek Reservoir flood storage area. Revegetation and enhancement of the existing vegetated areas will also be incorporated as part of construction, to provide additional stabilization and enhancements to vegetative and species habitat. Further, this project will protect Aurora Water's major supply line through the State Park.

The project has federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 206, Water Resources Development Act 1996, as amended.

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

Sincerely,

Jason Crow Member of Congress