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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Okefenokee Experience Nature Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Okefenokee Swamp Park, Inc., located at 5700 Okefenokee Swamp Park Rd, Waycross, GA 31503. The funding would be used for revitalizing the OSP's Nature Center in Waycross will enhance the organization's capacity to serve as a resource for environmental and science education for K-12 students and a hub for biodiversity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would support renovations to the OSP's existing Nature Center — namely facilities upgrades and improvements that will ensure the building is safe and accessible for students and visitors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a) I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress