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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1310**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, 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 \$1,300,000 in funding for the Improving Natural Resources at Gander Mountain Forest Preserve in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lake County Forest Preserve District, located at 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048. The funding would be used to remove invasive species.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reduces soil erosion and increases wildlife habitat. This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

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 that reads "Bradley S. Schneider".

Bradley S. Schneider  
Member of Congress