April 27, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Shedd Aquarium’s Shedd Pathways to Environmental Education: Advancing Equitable STEAM Learning Opportunities for Chicago Students program in the fiscal year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies bill.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Shedd Aquarium, located at 1200 S DuSable Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL 60605.

The funding for this project will allow Shedd Aquarium to advance equitable STEAM learning opportunities for students across the Chicago area by advancing physical, digital, and financial access to learning experiences for 90,000 K-8th grade students. Shedd learning programs intentionally bridge science education with outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship experiences to help youth navigate the process of accessing and appreciating the natural world, leading to greater awareness of their relationship with nature and the impact of their actions on animals and their habitats.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley