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Former NFL star and landscape architect, Eddie George, ASLA, participated in a Capitol Hill briefing today calling on Congress to pass legislation designed to combat obesity, create jobs, reduce crime, and revitalize communities by investing in urban parks and community centers.

Called the Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act (H.R. 3734), the legislation would provide grants to help communities build or revitalize more than 2,300 parks and recreation centers every year. George, along with Susan Watcher of the Wharton School, Joe Hughes of Georgia Institute of Technology and Salin Geevarghese of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, made the case why investment in parks spurs economic growth, helps combat childhood obesity and offers a myriad of environmental benefits.

Now we need your help! We need 2,300 letters and e-mails - one for every potential project - by May 23 to let Congress know how important this issue is in your community. Contact your elected officials today and ask them to join ASLA in support of HR 3734!

Learn more by visiting the [2,300 by May 23 campaign page](#) or the [ASLA Issue Brief](#).

Thank you,
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