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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Harbor Road/Town of Brookhaven Resurfacing Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Brookhaven, located at 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738.

The funding would be used to resurface multiple deteriorating roadways throughout the Town of Brookhaven, including the full resurfacing of Harbor Road. These improvements target roads that have been compromised by age, weather, and regular wear, helping to improve safety and reduce long-term maintenance costs across the community. Specifically, Harbor Road was severely damaged during a flash flood in August 2024, when a section of the roadway collapsed into the adjacent embankment. The project would reconstruct the damaged roadbed and fully resurface the roadway to restore safe, reliable access for residents, school buses, and emergency services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses public safety, community access, and long-term infrastructure resilience. When Harbor Road collapsed during the August 2024 storm, it left residents cut off from essential services and forced emergency responders to take longer, less efficient routes. Fixing the road is critical to restoring safe, dependable access for families, school buses, and first responders. Beyond Harbor Road, resurfacing other roads across Brookhaven will improve driving conditions for residents, reduce the risk of accidents caused by potholes and deteriorating pavement, and ensure a smoother, more reliable commute. These improvements also help prevent more serious damage in the future, reducing the need for expensive emergency repairs and saving taxpayer money in the long run. This project is about strengthening the day-to-day reliability of local infrastructure and making sure Brookhaven is better prepared the next time a major storm hits.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota  
Member of Congress