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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Village of Lake Grove Community Sidewalk/Repaving Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Lake Grove, located at 980 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY 11755.

The funding would be used for sidewalk repair and replacement, ADA compliance upgrades, curb reconstruction, underground wiring remediation, and road repaving within two residential developments in the Village.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical and deteriorating public infrastructure that poses genuine safety hazards to Village residents, particularly elderly individuals and persons with disabilities. Tree-root damage has severely compromised sidewalks, curbs, and road surfaces across two residential developments, creating conditions that fail to meet ADA accessibility standards. Federal investment will allow the Village to complete these repairs comprehensively, stabilize neighborhood property values and the local tax base, generate local construction employment, and prevent the compounding costs associated with continued deferred maintenance in a harsh Northeast climate.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) (acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works, facilities, and site improvements) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5) (special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons).

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