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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 Meadow Road Drainage Installation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Smithtown, located at 99 West Main Street, Smithtown, New York 11787.

The funding would be used for the installation of stormwater drainage infrastructure along a 1.32-mile section of Meadow Road, between Gardiner Road and Old Northport Road, to address historic and recurring roadway flooding that poses an ongoing hazard to public safety. Meadow Road is one of the Town's most heavily traveled roadways and a critical corridor for emergency response, school transportation, and regional connectivity to Jericho Turnpike (State Route 25A). The road has suffered from long-standing flooding caused by the absence of adequate drainage infrastructure. This chronic flooding creates dangerous driving conditions, impedes emergency response times, disrupts safe passage for school buses serving local public junior and senior high schools, and accelerates roadway deterioration—resulting in substantial costs to the municipality and its residents.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a documented public safety hazard, protects prior municipal investments, reduces long-term maintenance costs, and delivers durable benefits to the tens of thousands of residents, emergency responders, students, and commuters who depend on this roadway daily.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. §5305(a)(2), which authorizes the construction and installation of public works, facilities, and site improvements, and is consistent with the Committee's stated priority for local road infrastructure.

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