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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 writing to request \$7,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding for the Town of Smithtown Townwide Street Resurfacing Project. 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 a major roadway resurfacing initiative to rehabilitate more than 10 miles of heavily traveled local roads in the Town of Smithtown. These corridors are critical to public safety, emergency response, school transportation, neighborhood access, and regional connectivity, but have experienced substantial deterioration due to age, sustained traffic volumes, weather-related damage, and deferred maintenance. This investment would restore safer and more reliable roadway conditions, improve transportation efficiency, and strengthen the infrastructure that residents, businesses, and visitors rely on every day.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will generate substantial public safety, mobility, and economic development benefits for the Town of Smithtown. The targeted roadways are in advanced stages of deterioration, creating hazardous travel conditions, increasing vehicle damage, slowing traffic flow, and driving up municipal maintenance costs. Resurfacing these roads will improve travel reliability, extend pavement life, reduce the need for repeated emergency repairs, and support the everyday movement of residents, commuters, school buses, emergency responders, and local businesses. Federal investment is warranted because the scale of Smithtown's roadway needs exceeds available local resources, and timely resurfacing will help avoid more costly reconstruction in the future.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2), which authorizes the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works, facilities, and site or other improvements. The resurfacing of these public roadway segments constitutes the reconstruction and improvement of essential public infrastructure that supports a suitable living environment, neighborhood stability, and local economic activity, consistent with the goals of the Community Development Fund.

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