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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 \$2,493,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding for the Southold Town Road Repavement project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Southold, located at 53095 Main Road, Southold, New York 11935.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate approximately 8.6 miles of deteriorated secondary town roads across four segments in Southold Township, Suffolk County, New York: (1) Cox Neck Road and West Mill Road in Mattituck (1.7 miles), providing access to a marina, Breakwater Beach, and the Mattituck Waterway Access Site; (2) East Mill Road and Oregon Road from Mattituck to Cutchogue (1.6 miles), a designated Seaview Trail serving cyclists, agritourism visitors, and local wineries; (3) Soundview Avenue from Peconic to Southold (2.4 miles), connecting to Goldsmith Suffolk County Park, the Bittner Preserve at Sound View Dunes County Park, Great Pond, and Hortons Point Lighthouse; and (4) Main Bayview Road in Southold from Grange Road to Peconic Bay (2.9 miles), serving Harold A. Reese Preserve, Cedar Beach County Park, and the Suffolk County Marine Environmental Learning Center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Town of Southold's economy is anchored by agriculture, aquaculture, and tourism—industries that collectively sustain hundreds of local businesses, including farms, vineyards, breweries, marinas, restaurants, and marine services. The targeted road corridors are the direct connectors between residents, workers, and visitors and the destinations that drive the North Fork's regional economy. Significant winter deterioration has left these secondary roads in an unsafe condition, threatening public safety and impeding access to the agricultural and recreational assets that hundreds of local businesses depend upon.

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 and facilities in support of community and economic development. The rehabilitation of these public road segments constitutes the reconstruction of public infrastructure directly tied to economic development and community well-being, 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