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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I write to you today to respectfully request that federal funding for the **Mercer County Roadway Safety Improvements** (DB #D0412) project be included in the 2021 Surface Transportation Authorization legislation.

As a project currently listed on the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2020-2023 and sponsored by Mercer County, this project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars as it will help fund several necessary roadway improvements in Mercer County, New Jersey. For instance, the project includes the installation of safety reflective pavement markings (both striping and raised reflective markers), reflective object markers, reflective roadway delineators, guide rail and other treatments that improve the overall safety and visibility of various roadways in the county.

Mercer County is home to Trenton, New Jersey's State Capitol, and as such, it's roadways facilitate a significant amount of travel to and from the Capitol city from throughout the state. The Mercer County Roadway Safety Improvements will allow for needed enhancements to the condition, safety, and mobility of this important infrastructure. Targeted investments such as this will result in better and safer connectivity throughout Mercer County and the State of New Jersey.

I appreciate the Committee's due consideration of this project and all Member Designated Projects submitted as part of the Surface Transportation Authorization Legislation.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress