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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Steve Womack  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
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The Honorable Jim Clyburn  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
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Related Agencies  
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Dear Chairman Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Womack, and Ranking Member Clyburn,

I am writing to request your consideration to fund the Jackson Township Manhattan Street Safety and Streetscape Improvement Project located in New Jersey's Fourth Congressional District. This project will bring critical safety and economic improvements to a busy thoroughfare and associated intersections that connects two heavily trafficked County Roads in a growing locality.

The Township of Jackson requests Community Project Funding for streetscape and pedestrian improvements for Manhattan Street between Bennetts Mills Road (CR54) to South Cooks Bridge Road (CR636). Manhattan Street is a heavily used cut-through connecting two major county roads, with an average daily volume of nearly 6,000 vehicles. This road provides primary access to several public facilities, including Lucy N. Holman Elementary School, the Holman Athletic Complex, and the Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority complex. This is an area with high pedestrian activity due to the public facilities located in close proximity. The Township intends to implement pedestrian safety improvements along the corridor, pedestrian signaling beacons, and potential traffic calming measures.

Jackson is requesting \$2,100,000 for engineering, inspection and material testing, and final construction of roadway improvements. This project will support complementary upgrades scheduled to be completed by the State and localities to meet the demands of vehicular traffic in keeping with the published smart growth plan.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it is in keeping with the stated goals of the Community Development Block Grant program by meeting a compelling local need for much-needed roadway, streetscape, and safety improvements, and safety precautions to facilitate continued economic development. This program has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Chapter 42 U.S.C. Section 5305(a)(2).

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

I appreciate the Committee's due consideration of the proposal.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH  
Member of Congress