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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
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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 &
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U.S. House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I write to you to respectfully request funding for the Borough of Freehold's Parking Improvement project to be included in the 2021 Surface Transportation Authorization legislation.

The project sponsor for the Parking Improvement project is the Borough of Freehold, New Jersey. The project is located between West Main Street to South Street (State Route 79), in Freehold Borough, New Jersey, 07728.

Located in the heart of Monmouth County, the Borough of Freehold is the county seat and the site of the county administrative buildings, courthouse, hall of records and other widely used county facilities. As a result, the Borough welcomes thousands of visitors each month from nearby New York City, Philadelphia, Trenton and the Jersey Shore.

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars to repair this tract locally known as the McGackin Triangle Parking lot, as it will increase parking safety and capacity to the benefit of citizen visitors as well as the many small businesses, restaurants, and the local arts and cultural community who have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. This project includes a revised circulation plan to increase the existing 54 parking spaces to a proposed 67 parking spaces, restoring the heavily used parking lot, all while simultaneously providing additional green space and reducing stormwater runoff.

As stated by the Borough of Freehold's Business Administrator, Stephen Gallo, the Borough has developed a parking management plan for the long-term, and, immediate relief to

support the reconstruction of this important, publicly-owned community asset will help the business community get back on its feet.

As a shovel-ready project, this parking improvement project has the potential to make an immediate and positive economic impact on the local business community. To underscore the positive impact, I have enclosed letters from numerous business owners whose customers make use of the McGackin Triangle. The letters highlight the widespread community support and essential nature of a centralized parking lot, which is surrounded by three well-travelled streets and is just steps away from many Borough businesses and nearby to government buildings.

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 has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Smith", written in a cursive style.

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress