April 21, 2022

Congressman Chris Smith, NJ 4th District
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: FY2023 Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Smith,

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For many years, the Township has worked to improve the safety of our roadways. The requested funding will help us complete highly important safety improvements to Kings Highway, and we ask for your support in making that happen.

If you need any additional detail about the project or its benefits, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Tony Perry
Mayor
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Thomas A. Arnone, Director
Board of County Commissioners

c: Anthony S. Perry, Mayor, Middletown Township
   Anthony P. Mercantante, Administrator Middletown Township
   Ted Maloney, Engineer, Middletown Township
   Board of County Commissioners
   Teri O’Connor, County Administrator
   John W. Tobia, Director of Public Works and Engineering
   Joseph M. Ettore, County Engineer

"September 2d, 1609 This is a very good land to fall in with and pleasant land to see."
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R. Craig Weber
Chief of Police
Middletown Twp. Police Department
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Raintree Shopping Center
Freehold, NJ 07728

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[Signature]

Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D.
Middletown Landmarks Commission Chair

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