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Dear Congressman Smith,

Please accept this as my strong support for the requested \$1 million of funding for Middletown Township's plans to improve and redevelop the Koleda Property. This property is located near two of the Township's most actively used recreational areas: Shadow Lake and Poricy Park. This project will provide much needed access to these areas and it will result in a clean-up of property that has some soil contamination as a result of the previous ownership and historic uses.

The proposed new driveway will also be able to be utilized by the immediately adjacent River Plaza Elementary School in a way that will disperse vehicular and school bus access, thus significantly improving overall traffic circulation in the area, which at peak times is very congested.

I am also aware that the Township has received a \$ 1 million Safe Route's to School grant, that is currently underway and designed to greatly improve pedestrian safety to and from the elementary school from the southerly direction. This project blends perfectly as it will provide similar improved access for vehicles and pedestrians traveling the area and accessing the school.

Sincerely,

Senator Declan O'Scanlon  
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