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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,600,000 in funding for the Dobbin Road Shared Use Pathway in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Howard County Office of Transportation, located at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. This project would support the building of a shared use pathway along the east side of Dobbin Road from Oakland Mills Road toward Snowden River Parkway in Columbia, MD. The project would also provide a sidewalk on the west side of Dobbin Road and the north side of Oakland Mills Road from Dobbin Road to Oak Hall Lane, as well as additional pedestrian crossing improvements in the project area. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is a high priority in the County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans to improve safety in a busy commercial corridor and complete connections in the surrounding areas, and this project would help continue making Howard County a safe and connected community for all.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

John P. Sarbanes

Member of Congress