

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2003**  
[www.sarbanes.house.gov](http://www.sarbanes.house.gov)

March 31, 2023

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

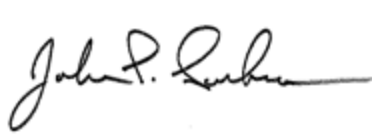
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the Ellicott City North Tunnel in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Howard County, Maryland, located at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The North Tunnel project is a key piece of the County's broader Safe and Sound Plan for Historic Ellicott City, which was developed to protect, rebuild and strengthen the downtown after two catastrophic and deadly floods in July 2016 and 2018. This project would support the construction of the North Tunnel, which will divert a significant amount of floodwater under Historic Ellicott City. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will preserve this historic mill town while also encouraging existing businesses, restaurants and residents to remain and other individuals and businesses to invest in and move into Main Street, boosting tourism for years to come.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



John P. Sarbanes  
Member of Congress