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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Downtown Lafayette Aqueduct Pathway Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lafayette located at 3675 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Suite 210, Lafayette, California 94549.

The funding would be used for constructing a fully accessible Class I separated bicycle and pedestrian facility located within the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) aqueduct corridor in downtown Lafayette between Brown Avenue and Pleasant Hill Road. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance mobility and access, promote safety and accessibility, connect communities, meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, and improve public health and safety by facilitating pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, schools, housing, employment centers, commercial activities, and more in the downtown Lafayette core.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress