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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I write to respectfully request \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 funding for the Community Project, I-66 Trail/Vienna Metrorail Station Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

This project will construct bicycle and pedestrian improvements from Blake Lane to near the entrance of the Vienna Metro I-66 westbound ramp. Improvements include a shared-use path along the south side of Sutton Road and a two-way cycle track and sidewalk along the south side of Country Creek Road and Virginia Center Boulevard. This project will improve access for pedestrians and bicyclists to the Vienna Metrorail Station and Oakton High School. It is in the heart of a regional activity center, is part of an equity emphasis area, and represents a link in the National Capital Trail Network. The Vienna Metro Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements project, when finished, will provide a key connection to the larger planned I-66 parallel trail network, which will provide more than 11 miles of connectivity from Gallows Road, Dunn Loring to Centreville in Fairfax County; connect to some of the area's major regional trails, such as the W&OD Trail, to provide improved mobility and travel choices; and create additional connections along new bridges over I-66 that will better serve cyclists and pedestrians.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly

Member of Congress