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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515—4608

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Safety Improvements along the Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway – Belle Haven Park to City of Alexandria border in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the National Park Service, George Washington Memorial Parkway, located at 2700 George Washington Memorial Parkway, Arlington, VA 22202.

The funding would be used Safety Improvements along the Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway – Belle Haven Park to City of Alexandria border.

In 2020, the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completed a traffic and safety assessment on the southern section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway Safety Study focused on nine key intersections on 6.3 miles of road between the City of Alexandria and George Washington's estate Mount Vernon. The study identifies context sensitive solutions that make the road safer and protect the scenic and historic values that justify the parkway's inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. This project would advance the goals of the study by implementing new lane markings and pilot access management options.

The stakeholder team of transportation safety professionals from multiple local, state, and federal agencies reviewed multi-modal traffic data and crash data, performed fieldwork, and developed and screened a menu of potential engineering and enforcement traffic safety treatments. At two key points in the project, the team engaged input from stakeholders, elected officials, and the public.

This project would advance the goals of the study to identify context sensitive solutions that make the road safer for drivers and vulnerable road users and protect the scenic and historic values that justify the parkway's inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. This funding proposal focuses on drainage repairs, striping, and sealing along the parkway from the City of Alexandria to Belle Haven Park. The project will improve safety for motorists as well as vulnerable road users utilizing and crossing the Parkway by ensuring that lane markings are clearly distinguishable and degraded drainage surfaces and grates are stabilized.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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