

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Bush Hill Elementary “Safe Routes to School” in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. The funding would be used to provide a missing link of sidewalk along Bush Hill Drive, to connect existing facilities at Ninian Avenue and along Bush Hill Drive north of Larno Drive. Completing this missing sidewalk link will improve safety and accessibility for children walking and bicycling to school from the northeast of Bush Hill Elementary School, which serves over 500 students in preschool through 6th grade. The project will provide safe bicycle/pedestrian facilities for the communities along this roadway, which is an unmarked, two-lane residential road with a posted speed limit of 25 mph and ditches located on both sides adjacent to the edge of pavement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve safety and access for children walking and bicycling to and from Bush Hill Elementary School, and facilitate increased walking and bicycling to and from school. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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

Sincerely,

Don S. Beyer

