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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Russell Avenue Multimodal and Streetscape Improvement in the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gaithersburg, MD, located at 31 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

If awarded, this funding would be used to convert the 1-700 blocks of Russell Avenue from a car-centric, wide road into a pedestrian-friendly corridor. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Russell Avenue abuts Lakeforest Mall, and at 105 acres, the mall parcels represent the largest consolidation of land under a single ownership within Gaithersburg available for redevelopment and new construction. The City has focused on activities in proximity to the mall that will accelerate reinvestment on-site and also in the adjoining neighborhoods.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Trone".

David Trone  
Member of Congress