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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio Chairman Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives 2134 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves Ranking Member Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives 1135 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Highlands Rail Trail Phase II in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the County of Passaic and the project is located in the Borough of Wanaque. The nearest street address is 744 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque NJ 07465.

The funding is designated for the construction of 1.7 miles of a new off-road bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path. This project would build upon the first two miles of the project already completed and connecting it to residential areas and recreational facilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: creating a local and regional attraction that would contribute to the quality of life through increased active transportation, improved health and wellness, increased tourism, and increased economic development activity.

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

Sincerely,

Mikie Sherrill

Member of Congress

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