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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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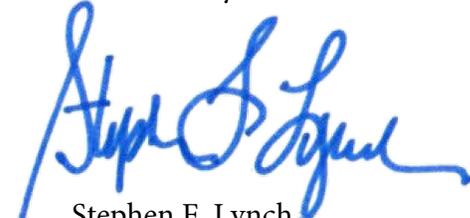
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting Community Project Funding for the Pearl Street/Ivory Street/John Mahar Highway Intersection Reconstruction, Braintree, Norfolk County, MA, 8th District in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Braintree, located at 1 John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. The funding would be used to reconstruct the intersection of Pearl Street, Ivory Street, and the John Mahar Highway to enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and promote accessibility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the current intersection sees a very high volume of commuter traffic due to its proximity to the MBTA Braintree Red Line station and State Route 3. North and southbound traffic moves at high rates of speed along the Ivory and John Mahar Highway corridor, making permissive left turns across traffic extremely uncomfortable for drivers. This project will reconstruct the intersection, replacing outdated traffic equipment and increasing the width to provide dedicated and protected left turning lanes while also maintaining two through-lanes along the Ivory/Mahar corridor for handling peak volumes. ADA accessible equipment will be installed and pedestrian paths within the intersection will also be replaced to improve operations for all users. By reconstructing this critical intersection, the residents and commuters of Braintree will experience improved mobility and a higher quality of life.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,



Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress