April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I write to respectfully request $4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 funding for the Sunrise Valley Cycle Track Innovation to Herndon.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

The project would complete several bicycle and pedestrian improvements to increase mobility and enhance accessibility to the Metrorail Silver Line stations. This includes creating protected intersections and reconstructing Sunrise Valley Drive from Innovation Station to the Fairfax County Parkway to provide a cycle track. The project will substantially improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians within Herndon and Reston, a growing center of economic activity projected to provide approximately 220,000 jobs in the Reston Transit Station Area by 2050. Further, those living in, working in, and visiting the area will be able to better access the Metro, enhancing connectivity to the entire Metro service area.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia