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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the Capitola Traffic Safety Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Capitola, located 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010. The requested funding will be used exclusively for construction of the Bay Avenue & Hill Street Roundabout, including site preparation, grading, paving, landscaping, signage, striping, and other associated improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will directly address safety and congestion issues at a critical intersection within a key transportation corridor. It will reduce crash frequency and severity, improve travel times, and enhance multimodal access for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. By streamlining traffic flow and reducing vehicle idling, the project also supports environmental goals by lowering emissions..

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,

Jimmy Panetta Member of Congress