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April 27, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio Chairman House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves Ranking Member House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

"I am requesting funding for State Route (SR) 86 Improvement Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Imperial and the project is located at State Route 86, Imperial, CA, 92251.

The funding is designated for the planning and environmental review phase of the project to address traffic flow and infrastructure, pedestrian accessibility, circulation and design, economic growth, and safety.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: furthering the State of California's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by construction of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure allowing for connectivity to goods and services not otherwise found in the City of Imperial; promoting economic development opportunities that would allow for permanent job creation in one of the State's most impoverished counties; increasing the overall quality of life for the City of Imperial and Imperial County.

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

Sincerely,

JUAN VARGAS Member of Congress