

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight Subcommittee on Health

## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives

## Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Peter DeFazio Chairman House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C., 20515 The Honorable Sam Graves Ranking Member House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for East Washington Street Bridge (PennDOT ID 100743) in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is PennDOT Engineering District 11-0 and the project is located at East Washington Street Bridge New Castle, PA 16101.

The funding is designated for bridge replacement/restoration on SR2006, East Washington Street over Neshannock Creek in the City of New Castle in Lawrence County. This bridge is currently rated in poor condition. If the structure is not replaced or rehabilitated it will continue to deteriorate and possibly result in posting weight limit restrictions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits of preventing detours and delays to the local traffic. Closure of this bridge due to a poor rating would impact the freight deliveries and the local traveling public. The bridge facilitates vital socioeconomic activities within the local communities with data showing that within a 1-mile radius of the projects, there were over 21,623 businesses employing over 9,445 people and \$606.7 million in local sales.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly

Member of Congress April 26, 2021

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