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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Greater Wilshire Concrete Streets project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles located at 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The funding would be used to replace over 40,000 square feet of concrete panels in the Greater Wilshire area. Greater Wilshire is home to some of the oldest neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles, including a Historical Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) in Hancock Park. According to the Bureau of Street Services, a vast majority of the streets in the Hancock Park and Greater Wilshire area are failing and in disrepair, a claim supported by the Bureau's data-driven assessment of every street in the City.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because currently, the deteriorating conditions not only pose significant safety risks for drivers and pedestrians but also severely disrupt traffic flow and accessibility throughout the neighborhood. This project will yield numerous benefits, including increasing safety for all users, reducing long-term maintenance costs for the city, and significantly enhancing the quality of life for the local community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress