Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Johnstown Mainstreet Greenway & Urban Connectivity Improvements in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Vision Together 2025 and the project is located at Main Street, Johnstown, PA, 15901.

The funding is designated for the complete street upgrade of a critical, 0.5-mile segment of Main Street in downtown Johnstown. This “Main Street Greenway” project is part of the larger “Johnstown Urban Connectivity Plan” to complete streets, sidewalk infrastructure, and pedestrian/bicycle paths to better connect key community hubs and job centers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits, including a revitalized downtown Johnstown. Significant private sector investments are being made into downtown Johnstown properties, including new market rate residential units and revitalized historic commercial buildings. Improving Main Street will help to stimulate market activity and contribute toward breaking the current trend of economic decline. Revitalizing downtown Johnstown is a foundational component of the community reinventing itself into a 21st century city.

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

Sincerely,

John Joyce, M.D.
Member of Congress