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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$646,747 in funding for the Fairway and Aspen Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Vernon Hills located at 290 Evergreen Dr Vernon Hills, IL 60061. The funding would be used to make streetscape improvements and enhance safety at pedestrian crossing at the intersections of Fairway Drive and Cougar Way, Fairway Drive and Nike Parkway, and Aspen Drive at Hawthorn South Elementary School, where the Village has seen multiple incidents of children struck in crosswalks in recent years.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because enhancing the safety of intersections, especially those adjacent to schools, will help minimize injury to pedestrians in a high traffic corridor, improve transportation to and from school for young children, parents, and teachers and align with broader efforts to improve multimodal infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bradley S. Schneider".

Bradley S. Schneider
Member of Congress