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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Main Street Complete Streets project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Peoria located at 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, IL 61602. The funding would be used to construct infrastructure improvements in Peoria's central business district, Main Street. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it leverages public investment to stimulate private sector growth and maximize economic impact. By funding infrastructure improvements—such as streetscape enhancements, safety features, and accessibility upgrades—the City creates conditions that attract private investment, generate new businesses, and increase property values. This “public-first” approach amplifies the return on every dollar spent, turning relatively modest public investments into broader community revitalization.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(2) – the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements.

I certify that I have no financial interest in the project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Eric Sorensen
Member of Congress