



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$250,000 in funding for Bergen County's Hackensack Transit Connector Project for fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Bergen, located at One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076. The entity is a local government entity. The project location is the same as the recipient location.

The funding would be used for the purchase of additional busses for the north/south loops that will connect a regional mall and shopping plaza. There are currently thousands of residential units in development in the surrounding areas, which will increase demand and the need for this type of transportation alternative. With the growing number of residents in Hackensack, the County Seat, it is critical that the County seek concrete support to further invest in public transportation options that are sustainable, reliable, and low-cost.

Funding for this project is essential and is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds to provide services that meet the increase of residency and transit through the County Seat. By developing a north/south loop for the Hackensack Transit Connector, the County will be able to transport residents not only to local trains and busses, but also to a local mall and shopping center. The Connector's mass public transportation service is an environmentally-friendly alternative to driving in a personal vehicle, and will benefit the area long-term.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Gottheimer".

Josh Gottheimer
MEMBER OF CONGRESS