April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $1,182,562 in funding for the Borough of Saddle River’s Sewer Main Construction Project for fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Saddle River, located at 100 East Allendale Road, Saddle River, NJ 07458. The entity is a local government entity. The project location is East Allendale Road between Boroline Road and Choctaw Trail in Saddle River.

The funding would be used for the complex construction plan involving tunneling under NJ Route 17, a major four lane state highway. 1,960 linear feet of piping will connect a sewer manhole at East Allendale and Boroline Road in the western portion of Saddle River to the site of a new 128-unit affordable rental community. The sewer infrastructure will serve residents earning up to 60% of the Bergen County area median income. At least six units are reserved for special needs tenants. The Borough’s designated developer anticipates breaking ground in the first quarter of 2022. The $28 million project will create more than 200 construction jobs. The Borough has invested more than $4 million to acquire the properties necessary to complete the project.

Funding for this project is essential and is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds to provide vital municipal infrastructure necessary to advance the Borough’s 100% housing development on East Allendale Road. The proposed sewer main project is independent of the affordable housing development in ownership, but the municipal infrastructure is critical and enables the housing’s success.

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

Sincerely,

Josh Gottheimer
MEMBER OF CONGRESS