



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

April 27, 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Patriot's Way Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Borough of Oakland ("Borough") and the project is located at Patriots Ways, Oakland, NJ 07436.

The funding is designated for the Borough to complete a superstructure replacement of Patriots Ways Bridge. This bridge is a multi-span structure over the Ramapo River, which is an interstate waterway, and the bridge is the primary entrance and exit to over 400 homes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: (1) It will help prevent a collapse of the bridge an unimaginable consequence to a lack of investment that the municipality has been asking for help for years; (2) It will replace a bridge categorized by the State Department of Transportation as having serious foundational flaws, with the superstructure rated to be in "poor condition," and the deck geometry to be "structurally deficient."

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