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

Peter DeFazio
Chair
The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Sam Graves
Ranking Member
The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Ocean Drive (CR621) Upgrades and Bridge Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Cape May County and the project is located at Ocean Drive in Lower Township, Cape May County, New Jersey, 08020.

The funding is designated for preliminary engineering of a plan to replace the movable Middle Thorofare Bridge with a fixed bridge of 80 ft. clearance, re-align Mill Creek and Upper Thorofare fixed bridges, replace the existing Fish Dock Road culvert, and elevates the roadbed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

- Ocean Drive is a critical evacuation route. It is the last of three access points to become impassable during storms. Rehab and Elevation of the roadway is necessary to be above the 100-year flood mark and ensure the safety and security of residents.
- Increases the load-capacity of a critical freight route for the second largest fishing port, by annual landings, on the east coast. Currently heavy truck traffic is prohibited.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jefferson Van Drew", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jefferson Van Drew

April 23, 2021