Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Hand Avenue (CR-658) Bridge over Skeeter Island Creek in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Cape May County and the project is located at Hand Avenue, Middle Township, NJ, 08210.

The funding is designated for construction to replace a scour-prone twin span box culvert along Hand Avenue with a new three-sided rigid structure, new steel sheeting, a new beam guiderail, and restriping of the approach roadway.

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

- Improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.
- Failure to replace the culvert may result in closing the roadway under emergency condition for an extended period of time.

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

Sincerely,

Jefferson Van Drew

April 23, 2021