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The Honorable Peter DeFazio Chairman House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Gaysport Bridge Replacement Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Muskingum County Engineer's Office and the project is located at the Gaysport Bridge on North St, Philo, OH 43771. The funding is designated to replace the Gaysport Bridge and replace the super structure (piers) supporting the bridge.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the community by providing replacing a bridge with significant safety concerns as well as the 100-year-old sandstone piers supporting the bridge. The bridge is vital to EMS services in the area and the local school district. Recently, the Muskingum County Engineer's Office was forced to close the bridge due to safety concerns, creating significant traffic delays for residents of Muskingum County.

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

Sincerely,

Troy Balderson

Member of Congress