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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Thornwood Crossing Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Newark and the project is located at the Cherry Valley Rd bridge over Raccoon Creek in Newark, OH 43055. The funding is designated to replace the structurally deficient bridge over Raccoon Creek and connect the Thornwood Corridor with the interchange at SR 16.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the community by replacing the Cherry Valley Rd bridge over Raccoon Creek, which was originally constructed as an aqueduct in 1830. Additionally, the project would construct a new bridge on a new alignment, connecting the Thornwood Corridor with the interchange at SR 16. The Thornwood Corridor is one of the backbone to one of the largest manufacturing regions in Ohio, and the structurally deficient poses a major safety concern for the freight traffic.

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

Sincerely,



Troy Balderson
Member of Congress