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The Honorable David Price
Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Provide a funding level of \$1,125,000 for Mirasol Village Early Childhood Education Center as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency located at 475 Pipevine Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the proposed on-site Early Childhood Education Center will provide families with access to a high-quality program that will enable parents to attend school, and to secure employment in the rapidly growing Sacramento economy. In turn, these parents will gain financial independence that will reduce their reliance on other taxpayer funded programs. Further, the quality of early childhood education will support the development of bright, healthy children.

2. Provide a funding level of \$2,200,000 for Vision Zero School Safety Project as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is City of Sacramento located at 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is an investment in safety for our youth. The project will improve conditions around nine schools in the City of Sacramento. The funding will support the installation of crosswalks, curb ramps, traffic calming tools, new signs, and similar features to improve safety for the young students and residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. This project invests in active transportation for youth in Sacramento communities that experience the highest rates of traffic density, asthma, cardiovascular disease, housing burden and concentrations of poverty.

3. Provide a funding level of \$1,800,000 for the Southport Levee Recreation Trail as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is City of West Sacramento located at Southport Levee, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the levee connects downtown Sacramento and developed areas of West Sacramento to the Sacramento River, agricultural areas and the Delta. The Project will provide a wide array of recreational and educational opportunities, promote tourism and increase awareness of the Delta and its unique riparian habitats, associated wildlife, and role in flood protection. Additionally, due to the efficiencies created by having a newly constructed levee serve as the foundation of the trail project, this trail project is estimated to be significantly less expensive than typical trail construction projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doris Matsui". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doris" and last name "Matsui" clearly distinguishable.

DORIS MATSUI
Member of Congress