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April 7, 2022

The Honorable Congressman Brad Wenstrup
U.S. Representative, Ohio 2nd District
7954 Beechmont Avenue
Suite 200
Cincinnati, OH 45255

Re: Federal Infrastructure and Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Wenstrup,

On behalf of the City of Blue Ash Council and Administration, we respectfully submit this letter of support for a significant infrastructure project within the community.

The Reed Hartman Highway and Grooms Road Connector is a new public roadway with associated public utilities and lighting. This new connector road will provide access to a future Sycamore School District Bus Depot and a future development area, which was vacated when Proctor and Gamble (P&G) relocated from the site. Additionally, this roadway will provide a vital connection between Reed Hartman Highway and Grooms Road, which will relieve traffic from Cornell Road to the south. The access road will also provide incentive for the developer to demolish the former P&G facility, which contains asbestos, and has a high demolition cost.

The project will benefit the City of Blue Ash, Ohio by providing increased access to a 50+ acre development parcel. This will incentivize the development of the area and provide an important access point to a key economic development piece in the City's major commercial corridors.

We appreciate your consideration to include this project in your recommendations.

Sincerely,

Marc Sirkin
Mayor

David Waltz
City Manager

Cc: Blue Ash City Council





April 8, 2022

Honorable United States Congressman Dr. Brad Wenstrup
7954 Beechmont Avenue, Suite 200
Cincinnati Ohio 45255

Re: Funding for the Grooms Road Connector, Blue Ash Ohio
(Connecting Reed Hartman Highway to Grooms Road)

Dear Congressman, Wenstrup,

My wife, Bitsy Conway Smyjunas and I own the former 50-acre, Proctor and Gamble Innovation Center property, located at 10500 Reed Hartman Road, just south of the Interstate 275 interchange in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Proctor and Gamble vacated the property 4 years ago. We have been close to repopulating the entire 400,000 sf building several times, only to be disappointed at the end of the process. We have now chosen to redevelop the property, preparing the site for potential new employers to locate upon.

Prior to commencing with the demolition of the building, we will need to abate the asbestos. The abatement costs exceed \$4 million.

We are writing You for your support to obtain Federal funding, for the construction of an economically, needed, new public thoroughfare through the 50-acre site that will connect two important business and public corridors in Blue Ash. These corridors are Reed Hartman Highway and Grooms Road, in Blue Ash.

This needed proposed thoroughfare, will serve the access needs of the future businesses on our site and in the area, the Sycamore School District, which is presently planning a new Transportation Center on our site, as well as the many existing employers located in the area that need better, safer, direct access.

The Sycamore School District had been searching for a new Transportation Center for several years. In fact, the District was in a real bind because it was forced to leave its previous location and did not have an option. Because the Sycamore School District is an integral cultural component to this community, it was a no brainer for Us to provide a temporary area for the Transportation Center operations located on our site. We have worked diligently with the Sycamore School District to locate a new Transportation Center on our site closest to Grooms Road. The proposed new thoroughfare, that we are enlisting your support, would allow the vehicles from the Transportation Center, quicker access to the routes, to save fuel costs, produce less carbon output and provide a safe travel experience for the drivers.

We appreciate your consideration of funding for this proposed needed project in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Smyjunas", written over a blue horizontal line.

Rob Smyjunas

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