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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Portsmouth, OH Safety and Streetscape Improvements Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Portsmouth, located at 728 Second Street Room 1, Portsmouth, Ohio, 45662. The funding would be used for a number of roadway safety improvements in downtown Portsmouth, Ohio that will increase pedestrian safety including removing the 2nd Street to Gay Street slip ramp, which commercial trucks are using to travel north across the Ohio River through Portsmouth, as well as improvements to the highly trafficked and dangerous 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Gay Street intersection to improve pedestrian safety and reduce car accidents.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will create a cohesive gateway into Shawnee State's campus with several street updates and safety features to encourage an open and safe connection between Portsmouth and the university. The roadway updates and safety enhancements in this project will increase pedestrian safety in downtown Portsmouth, divert commercial truck traffic away from the campus area, and catalyze new economic development in the area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad R. Wenstrup". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.  
Member of Congress