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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Mansfield's application, Mansfield Phase II of Bike and Pedestrian Connection Project, in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Mansfield, located at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268. The funding would be used for improved bicycle pedestrian safety and accessibility to the downtown center. Specifically, the project will be Phase II of a larger effort to create bicycle and pedestrian connectivity on CT-195 (Storrs Road) between US-44 (Middle Turnpike) and Moulton Road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because currently there is no safe area for pedestrians, including students at the University of Connecticut, to reach the campus from other parts of the Town. Because of this unsafe infrastructure, there have been injuries and even fatalities on this road. This request will be used to advance construction as part of Phase II of the project and will provide safe bike/pedestrian access to employment and essential services, expanding housing opportunities to lower income households without a vehicle.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY  
Member of Congress