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Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0525

April 26th, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Commerce Center Drive Bridge project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsors for this project are Los Angeles County and the Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation and the project is located in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The funding is designated for the construction of a bridge to extend the existing Commerce Center Drive across the Santa Clara River to the City of Santa Clarita and unincorporated LA County, promoting regional connectivity to existing and planned residential, commercial, and recreational areas..

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The bridge will provide vital improved access and connects to the communities of Castaic and Val Verde and the expanding Valencia Commerce Center currently comprised of 9 million sq.ft. of commercial space (12 million sq. ft. on buildout) on 1200 acres, bridge will serve other proposed development projects and the zero water and zero energy Valencia project which will help provide much needed housing (21,000 homes) and create offer 11.5 million sq.ft. of retail and commercial space creating 74,000 permanent jobs and \$1.8 Billion in annual tax revenues and preserving 10,000 acres in open space, this bridge will provide a vital alternative to the Old Road and Interstate 5.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Garcia
Member of Congress