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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Project DeRenne in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Savannah and the project is located at the interchange of I-516 and DeRenne Avenue in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia.

The funding is designated for Project DeRenne, which is a congestion management project that reduces delays and improves connectivity on the south side of the City of Savannah. The project corridor is essential for access to the main medical district and for emergency service access. The project begins at the terminus of Interstate 516 and is one of the primary entry gateways to Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF). This corridor serves as access into both the Montgomery and Stephenson Gates for HAAF.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

The project will reduce traffic congestion on DeRenne Avenue and I-516 by providing a new four-lane divided connector from I-516 to a realigned White Bluff Road with a new direct connection to HAAF and a multi-use path. The project will more evenly distribute the 55,000 vehicles per day on I-516 between east/west movements on DeRenne Avenue and north/south movements on White Bluff Road and Abercorn Street. Project DeRenne supports and aligns with the US Department of Defense's Strategic Power Projection Platform strategy for HAAF and the United States Military.

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

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
April 23, 2021