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April 29, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Purgatory Road Sidewalks in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Middletown, located at 350 East Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842.

This funding will be used for the reconfiguration of Purgatory Road to provide ten-foot vehicle travel lanes, four-foot shoulders, and one five-foot sidewalk on the southern side of the roadway. Purgatory Road connects two heavily used beaches on Aquidneck Island and serves as a pedestrian artery to the Atlantic Beach District commercial area. Currently, the roadway contains a narrow shoulder and limited areas for pedestrians and bicycles, despite its heavy foot traffic from densely settled surrounding neighborhoods and the nearby commercial district. The proposed enhancements would provide access to the beaches and coastal rights-of-way for Middletown residents and visitors. These upgrades would include safety benefits for pedestrians and cyclists, environmental benefits through the encouragement of less vehicle use, and economic benefits from increased foot traffic in the Atlantic Beach District commercial area. Further, the sidewalks and crossing would all be ADA compliant, enhancing mobility for all.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Cicilline".

David Cicilline
Member of Congress