

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 24th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for the Newark School Safety Improvement Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Newark, located at 37101 Newark Blvd, Newark, CA 94560.

This funding will be used for the installation of pedestrian rapid flashing beacons and other targeted safety improvements at high-priority crossings identified through a community-informed School Safety Assessment process. These enhancements will address speeding, unsafe driver yielding behavior, and visibility challenges, improving daily safety for students and families traveling to and from school. The project will support walking and biking, strengthen safe routes to school, and advance equitable access to transportation infrastructure in the surrounding community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves roadway safety, enhances pedestrian infrastructure, and supports safe access to schools consistent with federally authorized programs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Ro Khanna  
Member of Congress