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Congressman Josh Harder (CA-10)
209 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Grant Line Road Realignment Project – FY22 Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Harder,

On behalf of District 5 in San Joaquin County, I am excited about the prospects of delivering the Grant Line Road Realignment Project. The opportunity to use our local transportation funds, in conjunction with Community Project Funding, will help us to expedite delivery of this most critical infrastructure project.

For many years, the County has worked with the disadvantaged community of Banta, which is located 4 miles northwest of Tracy, to address the impacts of an increasing amount of truck traffic that travels between the distribution centers in Tracy and Interstate 5. Continued industrial and residential development in the Tracy area is anticipated to increase traffic volumes by nearly 200 percent in the next 20 years, creating a heightened priority to deliver these needed improvements.

Through a collaborative process with the community, we have together defined, and environmentally cleared, a project that will reduce congestion, improve connectivity for goods movement, and enhance safety along Grant Line Road. The proposed improvements and benefits include:

- Support of economic development and jobs creation through more efficient goods movement in northeast Tracy.
- Traffic calming through the town of Banta with a realigned roadway that directs commuter traffic around the community.
- A reduction in potential rail/vehicle collisions through the complete closure of two railroad crossings at Banta Road and 6th Street.
- Enhanced pedestrian safety through the community utilizing ROW fencing and upgraded facilities that serve a local elementary school.
- Modifications at other neighborhood intersections to enhance safety for motorists and rail.

The proposed project aligns itself with the Community Project Funding goals to address the most pressing needs of the community including boosting the local agricultural and industrial distribution

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economy through infrastructure investments; providing social equity in decision-making to disadvantaged communities; and developing projects that improve the overall quality of life for both the region and local constituency. I strongly encourage your full consideration of the County's application for the Grant Line Road Realignment Project.

Sincerely,



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