Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

I write today in support of an important community project in my Congressional District. As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations legislation, please consider my request to provide $500,000 in funding for construction of a new bike path as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Lebanon, located at 50 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio, 45036.

It is my understanding that the City of Lebanon (City) is anticipating the replacement of an aging main that may include lead services. Based on the age of the homes built along this corridor, the City is concerned that lead water services may exist off of this main. All water services will be replaced as part of this project, therefore improving the health of the Community. The existing water main has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced and the water services would be replaced as well with this project.

The City proposes to construct a new 1-mile separate bike path along N. Broadway Avenue to eliminate the existing on-road bike lane which the presents safety concerns as recommend by the Safe Routes to School Plan. In today’s environment of distracted drivers, the on-road lane is not as safe as a separate paved bike path. It is my understanding that this bike path would connect three different schools and eliminate the use of the on-road bike lane by school children and the public. At the same time, a new water main with new water services will be installed under the new bike path. It is my understanding that replacing the water main at the same time that the new bike path is being constructed will minimize the disruption and is the most economical approach to addressing both project needs.

As you continue to assess appropriations requests, I ask that you give every consideration of this community project in my Congressional District which would be used to construct a bike path to connect multiple residential neighborhoods in Lebanon. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot (OH-01)
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
April 26, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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The Honorable Kay Granger
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for bike path infrastructure project in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lebanon, located at 50 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio, 45036. The funding would be used to construct a new bike path to provide new mobility opportunities to existing neighborhoods.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot (OH-01)
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