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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and  
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United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and  
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Lower State Road Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor is the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). The project is located where Lower State Road and the Lower State Road Trail cross SEPTA's Lansdale/Doylestown Regional Rail Line in Doylestown, PA 18901.

The funding is designated for improvements to the highway-rail grade crossing where Lower State Road crosses SEPTA's rail line. The proposed project includes installing dynamic envelope pavement markings on the approaching roadway in both directions and installing four-quadrant gates that will protect all lanes of traffic at the grade crossing. Dynamic envelope markings will act as traffic control markings and indicate safe stopping locations for motorists. SEPTA can make essential safety improvements on a busy and dangerous railroad crossing in the Township with the help of much-needed funding.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is vital to make crucial safety improvements on a heavily traveled road within Doylestown Township. The addition of dynamic envelope markings provides motorists with specialized, highly visible roadway warnings to alert drivers of approaching rail crossings and safe stopping distances. Replacing the current dual-gates with four-quadrant gates would provide an enhanced level of safety and remove the most critical threat to life and safety at grade crossings – vehicles circumventing activated gates. By discouraging or preventing unsafe behavior by motorists, these safety enhancements will reduce the incidence of cars on the tracks at the grade crossing, ultimately reducing the risk of service disruptions and the incidence of collisions and critical injuries.

I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this request. I look forward to working with you to support initiatives that make public transportation and infrastructure safer and more efficient.

Sincerely,

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Brian Fitzpatrick  
Member of Congress