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The Honorable David E. Price, Chair Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I strongly urge you to include \$800,000 for the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) to adding winglets to existing fencing along the Caltrain corridor. This Community Project Funding request is associated with the Department of Transportation account for Transit Infrastructure Projects.

In a typical year, 10 individuals die by suicide on the Caltrain tracks, and these tragedies take an immense toll on our community. This project is part of a series of safety improvements intended to increase safety, including suicide prevention, along the 52-mile Caltrain-owned right of way. Specifically, the funding would be used to install winglets onto existing Caltrain fencing. This initial phase would prioritize sections of the corridor with the highest rates of trespassing and injury, including in Palo Alto, in my Congressional District.

If enacted, this request would make it more difficult for individuals to enter the Caltrain tracks and keep them out of harm's way, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully

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