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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 Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I urge you to include \$2 million for the Town of Atherton to improve traffic flow and safety along the Alameda de las Pulgas corridor, as a Community Project Funding request associated with the Department of Transportation account for Local Transportation Priorities.

The high traffic corridor of Alameda de las Pulgas connects Redwood City to Menlo Park and Palo Alto in my Congressional District, traversing through the Town of Atherton. This thoroughfare is a major artery of Silicon Valley and is critical for the students and families of Las Lomitas Elementary School, which is located right off the Alameda de las Pulgas.

If enacted, the funding would remove a no-longer optimal mid-block traffic signal, install a needed traffic signal at the entry to Las Lomitas Elementary School, and reconfigure a four-way stop intersection with a traffic signal. These changes will improve pedestrian access for the school, reduce traffic, and improve safety.

As an indication of local support, I've enclosed articles spanning multiple years from the San Jose Mercury News and The Almanac discussing the "torturous" condition of the highway, along with letters of support from the Honorable Elizabeth Lewis, Mayor of the Town of Atherton, and Dr. Beth Polito, Superintendent of Las Lomitas Elementary District Board.

I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo

Enclosures