April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for traffic calming measures for Shelby Park and Smoketown neighborhoods in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, located at 200 Mero Street Frankfort, Kentucky 40622. This funding will be used to convert one-way streets back to their original two-way directions and include pedestrian features and bump-outs for transit buses in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Smoketown and Shelby Park neighborhoods are historically black neighborhoods that fell into disrepair in the mid-1900s. Revitalization efforts have been underway for the past 10 years and the neighborhoods today are a blend of ethnic and economic diversity. People from all walks of life co-exist in a vibrant, art-filled community. The rich history of the area is important to local residents, and they want to see their neighborhood return to the functionality it featured for more than 100 years. Converting the one-way streets back to the original bi-directional streets and adding components for pedestrians and transit buses will help the Smoketown and Shelby Park neighborhoods reach that goal.

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

Sincerely,

John Yarmuth
Member of Congress