Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Reimagine 9th Street in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive the funding for this project is Louisville Metro Government, located at 444 South 5th Street Louisville, Kentucky, 40202. This funding will be used to create an attractive, vibrant, and safe connection between West Louisville and downtown for all users.

This project will transform 9th Street from a six-lane thoroughfare with extremely wide right of-way (up to 150-feet wide) into a “Complete Street” with a large pedestrian zone, protected bicycle facilities, dedicated bus lanes, green infrastructure, appealing public spaces, traffic-calming techniques, and smart signals. In Louisville, 9th Street is a physical and psychological barrier that divides neighborhoods of predominately Black populations from the rest of the city.

This project will take a major step toward healing past injustices and racial segregation by removing this physical barrier and redesigning it into a human-scale corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, micromobility users, and people with disabilities. The total project length is 0.65 miles and this request is for Preliminary Design, NEPA Evaluation, Final Design, Right-of-Way, and Utility Relocation in advance of the future construction.
I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John Yarmuth
Member of Congress