

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1005

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for A Safer Moreland Avenue in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is South Moreland Avenue Working Group (SMAWG), located at 1145 Moreland Place SE, Atlanta, GA 30316. The funding would be used to make Moreland Avenue safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles and this project would address some of the most urgently safety improvements along Moreland Ave. This project has three main components: fixing over-paved curbs, repairing impassable sidewalks, and planting trees along the sidewalk and the center median. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Moreland Avenue is considered the most dangerous road in Georgia with multiple pedestrian and vehicular fatalities each year. SMAWG's work with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) since 2020 has made this corridor safer. Despite progress, there are costly projects that require federal funding to bring to fruition. This project is intended to provide solutions to some of the most pressing challenges on Moreland Ave.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams
Member of Congress