



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Laguna Canyon Road: Protect and Connect** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Laguna Beach** located at **505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651**.

The funding would be used to underground utility infrastructure and implement multi-model transportation options along one of the only direct routes to Laguna Beach and its seven miles of coastline. This project aims to advance innovative solutions to improve traffic flow without adding roadway capacity or endangering the ecological, recreational, or tourism benefits of the region.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars by addressing a range of traffic and community safety concerns affecting the City and its residents. By removing utility poles and undergrounding the overhead utility lines along the City's primary evacuation route, these funds will reduce collision potential while eliminating a potential source of wildfire. Expanding transportation options for pedestrians, transit users, and cyclists will also reduce traffic congestion and improve access to businesses and coastal amenities in the City.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for one of the purposes of the Community Development Fund under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

Lastly, I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have a financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a stylized 'M' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dave Min  
Member of Congress