April 20, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives

RE: Member Certification for County of Lake (Road Department) Project

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I respectfully request funding ($2,288,000) for the Lake County-wide Chip Seal Program in the forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization. The project sponsor is the County of Lake (Road Department), California. The project is located across 55 miles of County roads within Lakeport, Kelseyville, Cobb Mountain, and Hidden Valley, California, zip code 95453.

The federal funding designated for this project would provide materials (emulsion, gravel, and sealant) for approximately 55 miles of roadway, with Lake County providing the labor, equipment, and its own discretionary road funds to meet the required non-federal match.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: support preventative maintenance measures (double-layer chip-seal) to extend the life of pavements for a minimum of 7 years and, depending of the type and volume of traffic, up to 11 years. Lake County performs 15 to 20 miles of chip-seal surfacing annually, with the federal funding requested for materials (emulsion, gravel and sealant) allowing the County to perform approximately 55 miles. In 2018, the Lake County reported its road network currently had an average pavement condition index of 37, which is in the condition category of “Poor,” with a remaining service life of just 7 years before reaching “Very Poor/Failed.”

Pursuant to Clause 17 of House Rule XXIII and in accordance with the Committee’s guidance, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress