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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments Rincon Trail Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite B, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. The requested federal funding will be used to close a critical one-mile gap in the California Coastal Trail at the southern end of Santa Barbara County by constructing a safe, dedicated multi-use path connecting an existing Class I bikeway in Ventura County to a Class II bikeway in the City of Carpinteria. This connection will create a continuous non-motorized route between Rincon Beach County Park and the Carpinteria Bluffs, linking two destinations that are currently less than one mile apart but difficult and unsafe to access without a vehicle. Today, pedestrians and bicyclists traveling between these locations must rely on the shoulder of U.S. Highway 101 or informal paths within the adjacent railroad corridor—both of which present serious safety risks.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses a clear and documented safety hazard, leverages prior public investments by connecting existing infrastructure, and delivers long-term public benefits through improved mobility, safer transportation options, and expanded access to coastal resources.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

Salud Carbajal  
Member of Congress