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The Honorable Mondaire Jones Member of Congress 222 Mamaroneck Ave Suite 312 White Plains, NY 10605

Dear Congress Member Jones:

The Board of the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC) urges you to include the Route 9 Active Transportation Project in your Community Project Funding request.

FCWC is an umbrella organization established in 1965 with a mission to educate, advocate and bring together voices to protect the environment and natural resources in Westchester County and to address climate change. FCWC's special focus is on promoting advocacy from within environmental justice communities and developing leadership and advocacy skills among students and young adults.

FCWC supports funding of the Route 9 Active Transportation Project as an infrastructure project that will protect and enhance environmental health, sustainability and quality of life in the region. The design elements laid out in the Route 9 ATP will encourage people to "leave their cars at home" by making walking, biking, and mass transit safer, easier and more convenient. In reducing vehicular traffic on Route 9, this Project will reduce noise, particulate air pollution, ozone and carbon emissions in alignment with County, State, and Federal climate goals. It will also make travel on the busy commercial Route 9 corridor safer and faster.

We thank you for your attention to this and other funding and legislative measures that will protect and support a more environmentally healthy and sustainable future for your constituents and for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Carol Durst Wertheim

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