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The Honorable Mondaire Jones
Member of Congress
222 Mamaroneck Ave Suite 312
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Dear Congress Member Jones:

I am writing in support of the Route 9 Active Transportation Project Steering Committee's request to include the Route 9 Active Transportation Project in your Community Project Funding request. The project will address safety and promote active transportation in the villages of Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, Irvington, Dobbs Ferry, and Hastings-on-Hudson.

Scenic Hudson has for the past six years been working closely with the Villages of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown to create new trails, enhance existing trails, and promote active transportation. In 2015 we produced the Sleepy Hollow-Tarrytown Trails Strategy. Two of its recommendations—Enhance Pedestrian and Bike Facilities in Core Business Districts and Prioritize Bike and Pedestrian Improvements to Downtown Civic Sites—would be advanced by funding for the Route 9 Active Transportation Project.

This project is designed to address a serious safety issue along Route 9. There are about 150 crashes each year on Route 9 in the five villages. Implementing the plan will reduce the number and severity of crashes by completing the sidewalk network, building more and safer crosswalks, adding protected cycling lanes, and creating better geometry for motor vehicle lanes. The project will also add shelters and benches to Bee Line Bus stops.

The enhanced safety resulting from these projects has the potential to unlock additional benefits, including reduction of automobile emissions, enhanced mobility for non-drivers, equitable access to affordable transportation options, and public health. Importantly, this project will help ensure that investments made in other local and regional trail projects, including the Bridge Riverwalk connector trail under the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, are realized to fullest extent possible.

Thank you for your consideration of the Route 9 Active Transportation Project Steering Committee's request of support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ned Sullivan".

Ned Sullivan
President