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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for a northbound truck climbing lane at mile marker 39.5 on Interstate-81 in this year's surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the project is located at Interstate-81, mile marker 39.5 in Smyth County, Virginia 24354.

The funding is designated to add a truck climbing lane, an extra lane to separate trucks and other vehicles on uphill grades. The lane ends on the downhill side of the grade.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have safety benefits along this portion of I-81.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith".

H. Morgan Griffith  
Member of Congress