April 26, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Freight Logistics Electrification Demonstration Project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The sponsor for this project is Utah State University, via the Advancing Sustainability through Powered Infrastructure for Roadway Electrification (ASPIRE) Center, and the project will be undertaken at 1045 South 5500 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84104.

The funding is designated to enhance state roadways with electrical infrastructure to allow electrification of medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks within the Utah Inland Port.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the community by addressing challenging local air quality issues and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from heavy-duty trucks. It is also anticipated to become a model of sustainable transportation electrification operations for the entire country.

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

Sincerely,

Chris Stewart
Member of Congress