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The Honorable Ro Khanna
United States House of Representatives
306 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Khanna:

On behalf of the City of Fremont, I would like to express our deep gratitude for your advocacy for securing \$850,000 for the City's Auto Mall Parkway Center Median Landscaping Project in the federal budget for Fiscal Year 2026. This funding, in addition to the \$850,000 you secured for the City in 2024, will greatly help the City move closer to having sufficient funds to complete this project.

This project is designed to provide landscaping to upgrade a 5.1-acre barren center median along Auto Mall Parkway, which currently serves as a four-lane highway connecting Interstate Routes 680 and 880. Specifically, the project proposes installing irrigation and planting drought-tolerant shrubs and low-growing trees to beautify the corridor, within a half-mile highway segment between Fremont Boulevard and Grimmer Boulevard.

Auto Mall Parkway has provided significant community and economic benefits to Fremont over the years, and the funding you have secured will help ensure the corridor continues to deliver those benefits to our visitors and residents. Auto Mall Parkway serves as a gateway to Fremont's major industrial and retail areas, including the Fremont Auto Mall, the Pacific Commons Mall, and Tesla's Fremont manufacturing plant, and is used by approximately 40,000 people daily. Further, the center median of Auto Mall Parkway also contains support towers for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's high-voltage electrical transmission lines that supply power to the region.

Thank you for your unwavering support for the City of Fremont.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raj Salwan".

Raj Salwan
Mayor