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Mr. Mark Squilla
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Dear Mark,

Thank you for bringing the issue of curb renovations in Philadelphia's historic neighborhoods to my attention. I agree that the addition of concrete and the removal of existing brick and other materials in our historic neighborhoods creates a jarring and unsightly contrast with the existing sidewalks.

While I support the efforts to make these ramps compliant with ADA standards, I also believe that we must protect the character of our city's neighborhoods. I will seek out additional federal funding to help the city fix the ramps that do not match previously renovated sidewalks, and also create ramps going forward that match the existing materials of our neighborhoods.

I look forward to working with you on this issue in the future. My office will be in contact to update you on the situation as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Brady
Member of Congress