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The Honorable Rose L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$3,400,000 for the Bluff Road Flood Relief project in Monroe County in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Monroe County Highway Department, located at 901 Illinois Avenue, Suite B, Waterloo, IL 62298.

The funding would be used to raise a section of Bluff Road in Monroe County which is not protected by a levee. Three flooding events in the past six years from the nearby Mississippi River have resulted in the closure of Bluff Road for various lengths of time. The Monroe County Highway Department fears this pattern of flooding may continue or worsen. Completion of this project will ensure Bluff Road remains open during future flooding events.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. This project would benefit all Monroe County residents by promoting economic growth, providing safe, reliable transportation facilities, and mitigating the impacts of flooding. Bluff Road is a critical link in travel from the St. Louis Metropolitan Area and its interstates to the southern portion of Monroe County and the Rock City Complex. The project will improve safety for all drivers by keeping almost 3000 vehicles per day off the busy Illinois Route 3, with its multiple signalized intersections and higher crash rates.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress