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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,236,220 for the Village of Oblong South Range Street Replacement project in Oblong, IL in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Oblong, located at 202 South Range Street, Oblong, IL 62449.

The proposed project will address deficiencies on one of the Village's main roads, South Range Street. The project will consist of the full reconstruction of the roadway and will involve the removal and replacement of the existing pavement, as well as the adjacent curbs, gutters, and sidewalks to ensure ADA accessibility. The project will also include upgrades to the storm sewer infrastructure, the installation of new street lighting, and the replacement or addition of traffic control devices.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. Originally constructed in the 1930's, South Range Street can no longer accommodate the demands of modern traffic, and the aging sidewalk infrastructure has substantially deteriorated over time, limiting the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped people to the Village of Oblong's downtown area, as well as for elderly homeowners that live along this street. South Range Street serves as the primary entrance to the Village of Oblong from the South and intersects with Main Street (IL Route 33), making up Oblong's downtown area. This road receives heavy traffic, ranging from daily commuters and emergency vehicles to farm equipment and semi-trucks, which has led to the rapid deterioration of the roadway. By updating the aging roadway infrastructure, this project will benefit the community by creating safe and secure pathways to businesses downtown, address accessibility concerns for their elderly and handicapped residents, encourage private business investment downtown and boost the local economy.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 5305(a)(5). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost  
Member of Congress