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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 \$540,000 for the North Muddy Township Reconstruction of N 600th Street in Jasper County, IL in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the North Muddy Township, located at 13279 Elm St., Wheeler, IL 62479.

The proposed project will reconstruct N 600<sup>th</sup> Street in Jasper County, Illinois. The project would remove the existing oil and chip roadway and replace it with Portland Cement Concrete, which will be able to distribute loads over a wider area along N 600th Street. This road is anticipated to become a very high traffic area with the expansion of a Total Grain Marketing facility along the road, increasing the number of semi-trucks frequenting the road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The reconstruction of N 600th Street in Jasper County, IL will support the local economy and infrastructure by providing a smooth and safe roadway for the public, and more specifically for farmers and agribusinesses delivering grain to the Total Grain Marketing facility that resides along this road. Total Grain Marketing is expanding its grain facility and North Muddy Township is expecting there to be a substantial increase in semi-truck traffic along this road. The township has maintained this roadway for years and has had to continuously make repairs to the oil and chip road due to the current level of traffic. Once this increases, there are concerns that the road will rapidly degrade, causing bumpy and unsafe conditions for vehicles, as well as high maintenance costs for the township.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 23 USC 133. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Bost

Member of Congress

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