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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting community project funding for the Veterans Drive Extension Engineering project in the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies legislation.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pekin, located at 111 S. Capitol Street, Pekin, Illinois 61554.

This funding would be used to construct a new 4-mile, five-lane roadway from Sheridan Road in Pekin to Fischer Road in East Peoria, with an interchange connection at Interstate 474 and signalized intersection at IL Route 98. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the construction would dramatically improve connectivity between Pekin and regional employment centers while providing a critical step for future economic development. Lack of transportation connectivity has long been a deterrent to attracting new residents and businesses to the City of Pekin and its surrounding areas. While Pekin continues to struggle with a significantly higher unemployment rate than the rest of Illinois, this construction would have a major potential benefit to the region and provide an important link for economic development.

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

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress