April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
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 Western Road (CH 6) Realignment in the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies legislation.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Marshall County, Illinois, located at 552 State Route 26, Lacon, IL 61540.

This funding would be used to realign a one-mile section of County Highway 6 — FAS 372 which connects Illinois Route 40 and Illinois Route 29 at Henry, Illinois. The existing CH 6 section is a winding, hilly roadway that is unsafe and inefficient for truck traffic. Over the last twenty years, there have been approximately 100 accidents. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the project will replace a dangerous and deficient section of road which decreases economic activity while increasing travel times in the regional transportation system. This update would increase the overall safety of the roadway, reduce accidents, allow for better fuel efficiencies, and better provide a vital link to allow goods and materials to be transported across the region.

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

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress