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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 9, 2024

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fox Creek Road project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bloomington, located at 115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, Illinois, 61701. The funding would be used for the replacement of the Fox Creek Road Bridge. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address the growing infrastructure and safety needs of our rural communities in Illinois. Fox Creek Road serves as a vital transportation artery for both residents and businesses in the region, and the current condition of the road presents safety hazards due to congestion, inadequate lane configurations, and outdated infrastructure, including the existing bridge. Widening the existing road and replacing the bridge with a structure that conforms to modern safety standards will ensure individuals, families, and businesses in Central and Northwestern Illinois have a robust infrastructure system that provides a reliable, efficient, and safe transportation network.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress

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