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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Western Road in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Marshall County and the project is located at County Highway 6 in Henry, Illinois 61537.

The funding is designated for improvements to the Western Road which will realign a one-mile section of County Highway 6 – FAS 372 which connects Illinois Route 40 and Illinois Route 29 at Henry, Illinois.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:
Safety – This section of road is the last segment in a 14-mile truck route to be upgraded. It has a steep grade, tight curves and narrow bridges which are dangerous for the travelling public, particularly truck traffic. Transportation system – This project has regional significance in that it provides a vital transportation link to allow goods and materials to be transported efficiently to and from the region west of the Illinois River, Iowa Interstate Railroad, Illinois Route 29, 40 and Interstate 180. Leverage of Other Committed Taxpayer Funds – The existing truck route (with the current one-mile gap) represents a prior \$13,000,000 investment. The State is moving forward with replacing the Illinois River Bridge on Rt 18 at Henry, which is budgeted at an \$133,000,000 investment.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darin LaHood". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Member of Congress
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