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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 10, 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 New Interchange Minooka Road/ I-80 project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Grundy, located at 1320 Union Street, Morris, Illinois 60450. The funding would be used for the design and construction of a new interchange at Minooka Road and Interstate 80 in Grundy County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new interchange at Minooka Road would alleviate future congestion and support important public safety changes at the Ridge Road interchange, which will see increased commuter demand in the coming years. The interchange would improve access to the neighboring industrial district, which has seen significant growth in freight-generating business and support the potential for substantial additional job growth. The proposed project includes comprehensive planning, capacity, and mobility improvements by Grundy County, ensuring the long-term functionality of the region.

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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