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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 Alden Road at O'Brien Road Intersection Safety project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of McHenry, located at 2200 North Seminary Ave, Woodstock, IL 60098. The funding would be used to construct a modern roundabout at a rural intersection with existing safety problems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed roundabout will help the County achieve its goal of zero fatalities on our highway system by minimizing the number of conflict points at intersections while reducing vehicle travel speed. A common deficiency with the intersection which contributes to crashes is drivers disregarding traffic control devices and failure to yield right-of-way to oncoming traffic. A roundabout will directly address this deficiency by reducing travel speeds and requiring drivers to yield to vehicles already in the intersection.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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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