



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

March 27, 2026

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  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Derby Street Revitalization project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pekin, located at 111 S Capitol Street, Pekin, IL 61554. The funding would be used for the second phase of a multi-phase infrastructure initiative designed to eliminate blight and encourage economic growth in a low-to-moderate income area of the community. Reconstruction work will include roadway, signalization, ADA-compliant sidewalks, curb, gutter, and storm sewer.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the results of the first phase of Derby Street reconstruction provide evidence that this corridor is ripe for revitalization. This second phase of the project, reconstructing the portion from 5th Street to Illinois Highway 29, will positively impact 35 commercial properties, including the Salvation Army and Pekin Outreach Initiative centers. These organizations provide critical assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, financial crisis, mental health challenges, and other debilitating circumstances.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(5).

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