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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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Franklin Street Infrastructure Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Galena, located at 101 Green St, Galena, IL 61036. The funding would be used to reconstruct Franklin Street including roadway, water main, storm sewer, and pedestrian infrastructure improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Franklin Street carries over 5,400 vehicles per day and serves as the primary access route to Galena's K-12 school campuses yet currently lacks any sidewalk for safe pedestrian travel. The existing water main is the sole connection between the east and west sides of the City's water distribution system, and numerous main breaks have compromised the City's ability to reliably serve the broader community. The project is in final design and ready to proceed to construction, and the Galena School District has invested \$50.8 million in improvements to the adjacent school facilities. Reconstructing this corridor will improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and students, replace failing water and storm sewer infrastructure, and protect the significant public investment already made in the project area.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), which provides for the construction of public works, facilities, and site or other improvements.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darin LaHood".

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress

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