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Congress of the United States
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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 New Interchange Minooka Road/ I-80 project in fiscal year 2026. 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,

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

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress