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

May 16, 2025

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 Boone County Transit Facility project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Boone, located at 1212 Logan Ave. Suite 102, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. The funding would be used for the construction of a new Boone County Transit Facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the construction of a new transit facility would promote long-term cost savings and give the county the ability to reinvest funds from maintenance and repair into the expansion of the transportation program. Citizens in northern Illinois need reliable methods of transportation to get to work, non-emergency medical appointments, and to remain connected to the community, and this project will extend the life of vehicles, sustainably improve the mobility of those who rely on public transit, expand the existing services offered by Boone County Transit, and significantly improve the experience of employees and passengers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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