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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 Highway Department Building Construction project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lee County. The funding would be used for the construction of a new Lee County Highway Department complex and maintenance shop in Amboy, Illinois. The highway department is responsible for the construction and maintenance of all the bridges and roads on its 220 miles of roadway jurisdiction. In addition, the department assists 22 townships located in Lee County with the construction and maintenance of their highways and bridges that collectively totals 967 miles of roadway jurisdiction. The project will increase the department's capabilities to preserve and maintain 220 miles of road and bridges under its jurisdiction and allow the department to better serve Central Illinois' growing infrastructure and safety needs.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress