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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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Boone County Transit Facility project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Boone, located at 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 102, Belvidere, IL 61008. The funding would be used to complete construction of the county's new transit facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Boone County Transit staff currently operate out of a single room with no space for equipment, meetings, or confidential staff conversations, and the co-location with the senior center has created a persistent public misconception that the transit service is limited to seniors rather than available to all residents. Constructing office space within the new transit facility will consolidate operations into a centralized, publicly visible location where riders can purchase tickets and make reservations, reduce approximately \$45,800 in annual indirect overhead and utility costs, and allow those savings to be redirected toward service improvements. The facility is located in an area known for a lower-income population, ensuring greater awareness and accessibility for the residents who stand to benefit most from public transit.

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,

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

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress

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