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

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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 Dement Road Extension project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rochelle, located at 420 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochelle, Illinois 61068. The funding would be used for the construction of a missing link of industrial roadway from Wiscold Drive north to Creston Road. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the construction of a vital missing link of industrial roadway will connect the city's interchange with Interstate 39 and the growing industrial and manufacturing corridor. The proposed multiuse trails/paths around the enlarged lake and along the proposed roadway extension will allow pedestrian and bicycle access to previously inaccessible employment and recreational areas and increase public and transportation safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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