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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 Furrow Road Bridge Replacement project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Tazewell, located at McKenzie Bldg., 2nd Fl. 11 S. 4th St., Ste. 20., Pekin, Illinois 61554. The funding would be used for the replacement of the Furrow Road Bridge. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address safety concerns for a currently outdated and unsafe bridge in Tazewell County. The bridge serves a large agricultural area, and the ability for farmers to get their crops to market safely is fundamental to local agriculture in central Illinois. The project will provide further access and support for safe transportation of agricultural products and ensure the community has the necessary resources to properly maintain a vital transportation system.

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,

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress