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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the County Road 300 East Reconstruction project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is White County, Indiana, located at 371 E US Highway 24, P.O. Box 67, Monticello, Indiana, 47960. The funding would be used to complete Preliminary Engineering for the reconstruction of County Road 300 East (CR 300 E) from State Road 18 to U.S. 24. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements will reduce roadway departure risk, improve recovery space, and enhance safety for farm equipment, heavy trucks, school buses, and passenger vehicles.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133 (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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 "James R. Baird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".