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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 of funding for the SR449/Veterans Boulevard Extension in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tennessee Department of Transportation, located at the James K. Polk Building, Suite 700 at 505 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243. The funding would be used for an extension of Veterans Boulevard in Sevierville, TN. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this would better accommodate vehicular traffic traveling from Pigeon Forge to Sevierville and would provide an improved route for people traveling to regional destinations beyond the project area. Destinations include several tourist attractions, parks, and recreational areas of local and regional importance to both Pigeon Forge and Sevierville.

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,

Member of Congress

Diana Harshbarger