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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$242,350 in funding for Cocke County for Armory Road Resurfacing in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cocke County, located at 141 Western Plaza, Newport, TN 37821. The funding would be used to resurface 1.85 miles of Armory Road from its terminal point to the intersection with Cosby Highway. Cocke is a federally designated distressed County that experienced significant devastation of its public infrastructure following Hurricane Helene in 2024, including Armory Road. Armory Road is used as a thoroughfare for the Army National Guard recruiting facility and residential neighborhoods. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve motorist safety and rehabilitate deteriorated public infrastructure, ensuring reliable roadway access.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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 "Diana Harshbarger".

Diana Harshbarger
Member of Congress