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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 \$131,000 in funding for Cocke County for Dry Fork Road Resurfacing in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cocke County Government, located at 141 Western Plaza, Newport, TN 37821. The funding would be used to resurface 1 mile of Dry Fork Road from Highway 107 to Timber Bridge Road. Cocke is a federally designated distressed County that experienced significant devastation of its public infrastructure following Hurricane Helene in 2024, including Dry Fork Road. Dry Fork Road is an integral part of local school bus routes. The sustained damage and deterioration from Hurricane Helene has led to vehicles often traveling in the center of the road and impeding oncoming traffic in an attempt to avoid dangerous potholes and other damage. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will restore the structural integrity of the pavement, improve safety for residents, and ensure continued reliable access for both the surrounding community and the school buses that rely on Dry Fork Road.

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