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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 \$110,040 in funding for Cocke County for Caney Creek 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 1.4 miles of Caney Creek Road from Spriggs Hollow Road to Highway 32. Cocke is a federally designated distressed County that experienced significant devastation of its public infrastructure following Hurricane Helene in 2024, including Caney Creek Road. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve motorist safety and rehabilitate deteriorated public infrastructure, ensuring reliable roadway access to the surrounding residential community and for commercial tourism in the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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