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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 Long Creek 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 Long Creek Road from the Greene County Line to near Browns Chapel Road. Cocke is a federally designated distressed County that experienced significant devastation of its public infrastructure following Hurricane Helene in 2024, including Long Creek Road. Long Creek Road serves a rural, residential and farming community. Long Creek Road is subject to heavy-duty truck traffic associated with agricultural operations, which has accelerated roadway deterioration and contributed to unsafe travel conditions. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will restore the structural integrity of the pavement, improve safety for residents and agricultural vehicles, and ensure continued reliable access for the surrounding community.

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