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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 \$145,410 in funding for Cocke County for Thinwood Drive 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 1.11 miles of Thinwood Drive between its intersections with West Highway 25-70. Cocke is a federally designated distressed County that experienced significant devastation of its public infrastructure following Hurricane Helene in 2024, including Thinwood Drive. Thinwood drive serves a rural, residential community and industrial businesses that rely on heavy-duty truck transportation, which has contributed to roadway deterioration and 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 ensure continued reliable access for the surrounding community and local businesses essential for community development.

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