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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 \$20,000,000 in funding for the Tennessee Department of Transportation for French Broad River I-40 Bridge Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tennessee Department of Transportation, located at the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 24th Floor at 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243. The funding would be used for the replacement of the I-40 bridge over the French Broad River in Jefferson County, Tennessee, including a reconfigured traditional diamond interchange at Exit 424. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the efficient replacement and modernization of this structure, as well as the improvements to the interchange at Exit 424, will greatly improve safety and mobility on this important corridor, ensuring long-term connectivity and economic development along the corridor.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C.133.

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