

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-4206

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

In re: FY 27 Community Project Funding - New Middleton Elementary School Safety Improvements in Smith County, TN

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for New Middleton Elementary School Safety Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), located at Tennessee Tower, 24th Floor, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243. This funding would be used to add an additional lane to facilitate safe traffic flow during school hours at New Middleton Elementary School.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves safety, increases capacity, and supports economic growth and job creation, while also reducing maintenance costs and enhancing quality of life. Additionally, widened roads can facilitate faster response times for emergency services and create a safer atmosphere for the cars that get caught in school traffic.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by subsection 1 of 23 USC 133 (b) Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



John Rose  
Member of Congress