

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 - Smith Fork Road Project in DeKalb County, TN

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Smith Fork Road project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the DeKalb County Highway Department, located at 720 Smith Rd Smithville, TN 37166. The funding would be used to repave Smith Fork Road as well as replace culverts to help with drainage of water. The road has currently begun collapsing in several places causing traffic hazards for the citizens and emergency vehicles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by making the road safer for citizens as well as emergency vehicles.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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,



John Rose
Member of Congress