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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Bellwood River Road West in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler County, Nebraska located at 3190 "N" Road, Suite 2, David City NE 68632. The funding would be used to pave approximately 4.25 miles of Road 44, which is a heavily trafficked gravel road in Butler County, Nebraska. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance public safety and infrastructure reliability, reduce maintenance expenses, and improve access to lake properties and farms, thus supporting local agriculture by facilitating the efficient transport of farm products to market.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 USC 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Michael J. Flood  
Member of Congress