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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fletcher Avenue Grading and Resurfacing Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lancaster County located at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 110, Lincoln, Nebraska 68507.

The funding would be used for resurfacing and grading Fletcher Avenue, a major east-west thruway in Lancaster County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a number of industries operate along the northern edges of Lincoln along N 84th Street. Major truck traffic proceeding north from Highway 2 often travels along 148th to avoid entering the city limits of Lincoln. This results in the trucks traveling through the City of Waverly to access Highway 6 southbound, which then links to N 84th. This heavy traffic in Waverly runs along residential streets and past elementary, middle, and high schools, presenting risks to the children and disrupting the neighborhood. Fletcher Avenue, which is currently surfaced with gravel, is the first road to the south of Waverly that directly links N 84th with N 148th. It therefore presents an ideal candidate to be surfaced and provided an alternate access to the heavy traffic currently traveling through Waverly.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Michael J. Flood

Member of Congress