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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 H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting for the Morningside Road Improvements for Inland Port Development project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Dodge County, Nebraska, located at 435 N Park Fremont, NE 68025. The funding would be used to improve Morningside Road, the primary entrance into the Fremont Port's industrial park, from gravel to a paved concrete roadway with curb & gutter, a sidewalk on one side, and a shared-use side path on the other side to provide non-vehicular transportation alternatives for employees of the industrial park.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because creating shovel-ready sites for manufacturing and distribution is an important piece of securing supply chain resiliency for the United States. The development will have the capability to provide direct rail service, transloading and intermodal rail services. Further build-out of rail infrastructure reduces truck traffic, and carbon emissions. A study commissioned by NDOT exposed potential annual savings of \$39M to regional (150-mile radius) shippers, and a total public benefit of \$54M from the development of more rail service opportunities in the Fremont area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Sincerely. Vilge

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