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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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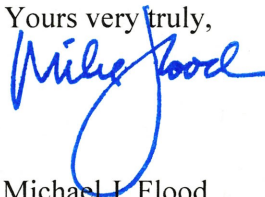
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the "East Beltway Preliminary Engineering Phase 2 - Lancaster County, NE" project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lancaster County, NE located at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 110, Lincoln, NE 68508. The funding will be used to support the initial phase of preliminary design for the East Beltway project in Lancaster County and will focus on advancing the project from prior corridor level planning into a more defined and actionable design framework. The preliminary design work funded through this request will provide the technical foundation necessary to advance into more detailed engineering, environmental documentation, and permitting.

This project is an appropriate and valuable use of taxpayer funding because it is a critical and necessary step in the completion of the Lincoln East Beltway. Once complete, the East Beltway will be the final segment of the expressway system around Lincoln, maximizing prior public investment and strengthening regional mobility. With the Lincoln South Beltway finished, the East Beltway ensures the full system functions as intended. The project will reduce congestion on key corridors such as U.S. Highway 77 and Nebraska Highway 2 by diverting through-traffic - especially heavy trucks - away from residential and commercial areas. This improves safety, shortens commute times, and lowers long-term maintenance costs. Economically, modern transportation infrastructure is essential to supply chains and business attraction. Completing the beltway enhances freight movement, supports job creation during construction, and positions Lancaster County for sustained urban and rural growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 23 U.S.C. 133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Yours very truly,



Michael J. Flood  
Member of Congress