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**Congress of the United States**  
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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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Platte County Canal Bridge Restoration Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Platte County, located at 2610 14th Street, Columbus, NE 68601. The funding project would install drainage structures to prevent flooding, raise the road elevation, and replace the bridge itself to reestablish this main roadway for Platte County. The project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because it serves as the primary roadway used by Fire and Rescue for emergency calls north of the Loup Power Canal. Losing this bridge would significantly increase life-saving response times. These funds directly support residents' quality of life, safety, mobility, and connectivity to the broader community.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Flood