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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

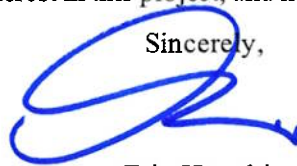
I am requesting funding for the City of Bloomington Tapp/Vanguard Intersection Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Bloomington, located at 401 N Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404. The funding would be used to support necessary improvements to the Vanguard Parkway and Tapp Road intersection in Bloomington. Aside from vital improvements to support continued growth in the area, the construction will also support safety improvements to the intersection.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical local road infrastructure needs that are not otherwise eligible for Community Project Funding under the highways account. This section of Tapp Road serves as a major east-west corridor in Bloomington and facilitates traffic to and from I-69. Traffic volume in this area is expected to increase significantly as the Summit District is fully developed by 2035, adding approximately 10,000 new residents. The current intersection design cannot safely or efficiently accommodate projected traffic volumes. Additionally, two major pedestrian and multi-modal trails intersect at or near this location, requiring improvements to protect the safety of all road users. The Summit District is essential to meeting Bloomington's housing needs—a 2023 regional housing study found the city needs at least 4,155 new housing units—and adequate transportation infrastructure is a prerequisite for the successful development of this workforce and affordable housing community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1) and 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,



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Member of Congress  
Indiana's 9th Congressional District