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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro **Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations** H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for construction of US-641/SR-54 from near Howard Road in Paris. Tennessee, to the Kentucky State Line. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tennessee Department of Transportation, located at 505 Deaderick Street, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37243. The funding would be used for four-lane highway construction of US-641 from Paris, TN to the Kentucky State Line. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because widening this section of US 641, which is included in the State Transportation Improvement Program, will improve connectivity of Paris, Henry County, Tennessee, to the section of 641 in Kentucky that was awarded a BUILD grant in 2018. The \$23M grant widened an approximately 5.7-mile section of US 641 South from a two-lane divided highway to a four-lane divided highway between the Kentucky/Tennessee state line at Hazel, north to the Middle Fork of the Clarks River.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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

Thank you for considering my request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 225-4714.

Sincerely,

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