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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Arkansas Highway 112 in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arkansas Department of Transportation, located at 10324 Interstate 30 Little Rock, AR 72209. The funding would be used for the construction of safety, operational, and congestion improvements on various segments of Highway 112 from Bentonville to Fayetteville. These improvements will include major widening, raised medians, pedestrian improvements, traffic signal upgrades, and roundabouts. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Highway 112 is the only continuous, north-south route west of Interstate 49 in Northwest Arkansas. This corridor serves local and regional traffic between Fayetteville and Bentonville, making it crucial for regional mobility. Highway 112 is currently a two-lane highway that traverses through or near several environmentally sensitive areas, including the Cave Springs Recharge Area. Due to the rapid growth in the Northwest Arkansas region, concerns have been raised by local officials that the existing Highway 112 may not adequately handle increased traffic volumes. The planned improvements are expected to meet the transportation needs at this location for the next 20 years.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Womack
Member of Congress