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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
1036 Longworth HOB
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Springdale Bypass 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 the Springdale Northern Bypass. The bypass will address the existing and forecasted travel delays and congestion experienced on Highway 412 in Northwest Arkansas while improving safety, resiliency, and economic competitiveness. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Highway 412 is a major commuting route between the rural areas and major employment centers of the rapidly growing Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers metropolitan area. The Springdale Northern Bypass has been developed to reduce congestion and delays and increase reliability and safety in response to the existing and forecasted vehicular traffic on Highway 412. Congestion on Highway 412 affects the economic competitiveness of the project area, the region, and the State of Arkansas. The Springdale Northern Bypass will be a four-lane, divided highway with fully controlled access built to interstate standards. It will provide an additional east-west route for freight and motorists and will relieve congestion through Springdale.

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