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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Future XNA Access Road in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arkansas Department of Transportation. The Department's Address is 10324 Interstate 30 Little Rock, Arkansas 72209, and the project is located in Benton County, Arkansas.

This request supports planning, detailed design, and construction of the future XNA Access Road. This new access road will provide for safe, reliable, and efficient movement of air transportation passengers and property between Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) and the Springdale Northern Bypass (AR Hwy. 612) to the south. The project is a fully controlled access highway approximately 3.4 miles with a new, grade-separated trumpet-type interchange at Highway 612. This project is on the Arkansas Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and is project number 090069. My community project funding request for this project is \$7 million. The total estimated project cost, including preliminary engineering, right of way, utilities relocation, and construction engineering is \$100 million. Of that cost, \$80 million is for construction costs.

The new access road will fill the need for a south to north highway access road that XNA and the Metropolitan Statistical Area currently lacks. The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area has approximately 560,700 residents with approximately 246,392 residents living south and west of XNA (residents of Washington County and Madison County, Arkansas) who would directly benefit from this airport access road. The State of Arkansas and her citizens have made a strong commitment to this project through the 2020 extension of the statewide 1/2 cent sales tax in perpetuity.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Womack
Member of Congress