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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the I-49 South at Verot School Road project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, located at 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA. The funding would be used to upgrade approximately two miles of US 90 to interstate standards, including a grade-separated interchange and access management. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because I-49 will have a major regional impact when completed, creating another north-south freight corridor and serving as a major catalyst for regional economic growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 23 USC 133.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress