

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1403

March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Allen County Smith Road-Airport Expressway Construction in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Board of Commissioners of County of Allen, located at 200 East Berry Street, Suite 280, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The funding would be used to construct an intersection at Smith Road and Airport Expressway in unincorporated Allen County area near southwest Fort Wayne and add a new roadway segment of Smith Road north of the intersection to connect with Dalman Road and the existing Smith Road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will expand employment opportunities from industrial development in key industries for the district, namely limited-intensity manufacturing or distribution or logistics, as it is already zoned for this land use as a Business Technology and Industrial Park district.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133.

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

Sincerely,



Marlin Stutzman
Member of Congress