

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, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Auburn Wayne Street Road Reconstruction/Railroad Grade Separation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Auburn, located at 210 E Ninth Street, Auburn, IN 46706. The funding would be used to Reconstruct Wayne Street (CR 427) near the railroad crossing with a vertical grade raise, install new sidewalks with lighting on the newly constructed Wayne Street, and construct an overpass bridge traversing the existing CSX Railroad facility following Indiana Department of Transportation 4R Design Standards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public safety by addressing excessive delays caused by trains blocking the existing crossing. These blockages have and continue to significantly delay emergency responders, including police, fire, and EMS, creating serious public safety concerns for residents and businesses that rely on timely emergency responses.

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