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May 3, 2024

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 House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the Speegleville Road Bridge over the Middle Bosque River Bridge Replacement Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Waco, Texas, located at 300 Austin Avenue, Waco, TX 76702.

This \$5,000,000 request would be used to replace the functionally obsolete two-lane bridge on Speegleville Road with a four-lane bridge including shoulders and sidewalks. The project will include roadway alignment to accommodate bridge widening. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because traffic is significantly increased on the bridge as a result of the nearby River Valley Intermediate School transitioning to River Valley Middle School, and subsequently increasing the student population to 1,300. Many of the River Valley students walk or bike to school, as there is no bus service to the adjacent community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b), the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Sessions", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress