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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 Future I-69/U.S. 59 Feasibility Study and Environmental Clearance for Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Nacogdoches, TX, located at 202 East Pilar Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75961.

The requested amount of \$5,000,000 would be used to complete a feasibility study and environmental clearance to begin work on the remaining gap for U.S. Route 59 between Nacogdoches and Lufkin, Texas. This section of highway will become part of the Interstate 69 corridor. The project will begin bringing the roadway to Interstate standards, allowing it to be designated as part of the Interstate 69 corridor. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will enhance mobility, safety, and cargo transport for the remaining gap along the future Interstate 69 corridor.

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,

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress