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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn 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 Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Lufkin, located at 300 E. Shepherd, Lufkin, Texas 75901.

This \$5,000,000 request would be used to fund a feasibility study and environmental clearance for the remaining gap along U.S. Route 59 between Lufkin and Diboll, Texas. This phase will advance planning and development of the corridor to Interstate standards, positioning the project for future construction and designation as part of I-69.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports development of a nationally significant trade corridor connecting Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Advancing this segment will improve long-term freight mobility, reduce congestion, enhance roadway safety, and strengthen economic competitiveness in East Texas and along the broader corridor. Completion of this phase is necessary to unlock future federal, state, and local investments and ensure efficient movement of goods across the region.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133.

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

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress