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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for expansion of County Road 769 in DeSoto County, FL in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners, located at 201 East Oak Street, Suite 201 Arcadia, FL 34266.

The funding would be used to support the expansion of County Road 769 (Kings Highway) from a two-lane to a four-lane roadway along a segment connecting to I-75. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it a designated emergency evacuation route and a critical regional connector for freight and commuter traffic.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



C. Scott Franklin
Member of Congress