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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for County Road 78 Roadway Improvements in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hendry County, located at 640 South Main Street Labelle, FL 33935.

The funding would be used for rehabilitation and improvements to County Road 78 from east of Fort Denaud Bridge Way to just east of North River Road. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a major collector road, which serves as a primary evacuation route, providing critical access during hurricanes and other emergencies for residents of both Hendry and Glades Counties. As a rural fiscally constrained community with critical evacuation routes and agricultural corridors, it is important that this major collector road be rehabilitated.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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