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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Catfish Creek Bridge Widening Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Highlands County, FL located at 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870.

This project is needed to widen and reconstruct the Catfish Creek Bridge in Sebring, Florida. It will address significant safety and capacity issues with the existing bridge, which is currently too narrow to safely accommodate two-way traffic, creating frequent vehicle conflicts and safety risks for passenger vehicles, commercial trucks, and emergency responders.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1). 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