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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Willowbrook Road Design in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Winter Haven, located at Winter Haven City Hall, 451 Third Street NW Winter Haven, FL 33881. The funding would be used for design and construction of Willowbrook Road, a new roadway parallel to State Road 544. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce congestion on State Road 544 while improving connectivity and supporting Winter Haven's long-term transportation goals. As one of the fastest-growing areas in Polk County, the region faces increasing pressure on its roadways, making this infrastructure investment essential.

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