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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Jackson Point Road Bridge in surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor for this project is Wilkinson County, Mississippi, and the project is located at 1545 Jackson Point Road, Woodville, Mississippi, 39669.


The funding is designated to replace the current Jackson Point Road Bridge, which provides the only access point over the Buffalo River to more than 20,000 acres in Wilkinson and Adams Counties.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, as the County has obtained the needed local matching funds, as well as the support of the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The benefits of this project would be significant. The current bridge's substructure has been rated as being in serious condition. While the bridge is open for certain traffic, weight restrictions apply for access to the bridge, keeping agriculture, timber, forestry, and petroleum products—important industries for southwest Mississippi—from being transported via the bridge. Additionally, the County's road maintenance equipment is unable to utilize the bridge, and the electric utility is prevented from servicing customers and its grid on the other side of the bridge. As the Jackson Point Road Bridge is the only access point for a large portion of this region, it is critical that a reliable structure is provided for commercial transport, as well as the general wellbeing of the people of Wilkinson and Adams Counties.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Michael Guest
Member of Congress