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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2403**

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Crossroads Infrastructure and Economic Development project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mississippi State University. This funding would support the extension of Lummus Drive to University Drive to enhance connectivity and traffic circulation; the relocation and modernization of key utility infrastructure, including electrical, sewer, and water systems, to improve safety and reliability; the expansion and reconfiguration of Colonel Muldrow Drive to address existing traffic congestion and increase roadway capacity; and the installation of street lighting to improve visibility and pedestrian safety. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests in critical public infrastructure that improves transportation efficiency, enhances public safety, and supports long-term economic growth in a high-traffic corridor connecting Mississippi State University and the City of Starkville.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2)m 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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

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