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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 US 51 Railroad Bridge between McKay and Hayles Road project in Pike County for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pike County Board of Supervisors located at 175 South Cherry Street Magnolia, Mississippi, 39652. The funding would be used for the construction of a bridge on US 51 over the Canadian National (CN) railroad that accesses the local Metro Pike Industrial Park. This request would provide funding to build a bridge on MS-Highway 51 over the Canadian National Railway (CN) railroad that accesses the Metro Pike Industrial Park in Pike County, allowing CN to use unit trains to service Sanderson Farms and other industries within the industrial park. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the infrastructure would support many of Southwest Mississippi's most vital industries while addressing critical emergency response delays caused by blocked railroad crossings.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 23 USC 133(b).

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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