



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Williamston Critical Infrastructure Road Repair project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Williamston, located at:

102 East Main Street
Williamston, NC 27892

Martin County, located in North Carolina, ranks among the most economically distressed regions in the state, holding the Tier 1 designation from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Despite prior funding efforts, notably a \$350,000 allocation, only a minimal portion of the downtown area in Williamston saw road repavements.

The project is a good use of federal taxpayer funds because a significant injection of \$5,000,000 into the project is imperative to enact substantive improvements to the county's road infrastructure. This investment is crucial to guaranteeing safe thoroughfares for pedestrians, drivers, and tourists alike. Enhanced road infrastructure not only mitigates vehicle damage but also serves as a catalyst for revitalizing downtown areas, attracting tourists and fostering economic growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 201.

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

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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