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March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Madison-Venice Safe & Sound Freight Corridor Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bi-State Development, located at One Metropolitan Square, St. Louis, MO 63102. The funding would be used for improvements to a high-volume freight corridor in Madison and Venice, Illinois, including the construction of a freight main retaining wall, upgrades to a rail bridge, and the installation of noise mitigation infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enhances safety and reduces noise pollution for local industrial hubs and surrounding communities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki Budzinski".

Nikki Budzinski
Member of Congress