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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,220,000 for the Durham Rail-crossing Engagement, Planning, And Innovative Revitalization (REPAIR) project in Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24). The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Durham, located at 201 East Main Street, Durham, NC 27701. The requested funds will be used to support planning, community engagement, and environmental review to define options for solutions, and preliminary engineering design to address three adjacent railroad crossings in East Durham at S. Plum Street, S. Driver Street, and Ellis Road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will plan for equitable transportation access by safeguarding the community from potential crashes and evaluating innovative mobility solutions to bridge the gap between the north and south sides of the tracks. Anticipated benefits to the community include avoidance of pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle crashes, as well as improved air quality from reduced idling emissions, improved emergency services response, improved trip reliability, and boosted community economic drivers, among other benefits.

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,



Valerie P. Foushee
MEMBER OF CONGRESS