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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Western Hills Viaduct Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cincinnati located at 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

The funding would be used to reconstruct an existing deteriorated, 94-year-old concrete and steel 0.5-mile-long viaduct that is both structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. More than just a bridge replacement, it is a multimodal and intermodal project with complex connectivity considerations due to its proximity and connection to one of the highest volume interstate highways, as well as one of CSX's top five rail yards in the U.S. While significant maintenance has been performed over its 94 years, it has been determined that rehabilitation is not reasonable due to transportation challenges related to its design.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because the Western Hills Viaduct is a primary and vital connection for nearly a third of the city's population living west of I-75, serving 55,000 vehicles per day, including 420 buses. West-side residents in urban neighborhoods and rural areas beyond the I-275 beltway commute to the region's two largest employment centers east of I-75, Downtown (southeast) and Uptown (northeast), primarily via the Western Hills Viaduct. A significant number commute by buses with no efficient alternative routes due to the radial nature of the city's thoroughfare system. Almost half of Cincinnati's zero-car households are located west of I-75 and rely on Metro Bus service. The project also incorporates bicycle and pedestrian enhancements, creating new transportation choices.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Sincerely,



Congressman Greg Landsman