The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC, 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting $2.3 million in funding for the Ponca City Multi-Modal Transportation Infrastructure Project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Ponca City for its Transportation Infrastructure Project at the Santa Fe Depot located in Ponca City, OK, 74601.

Ponca City is situated along a major BNSF rail corridor linking Chicago, Illinois to Houston, Texas. This corridor has also been identified as a major gap in the Amtrak nationwide passenger rail system. Since 1979, there has been no passenger service available between Oklahoma City and Newton, Kansas (via Wichita). The States of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas have formed a coalition in support of the restoration of passenger rail between Fort Worth, Texas and Newton, Kansas in an effort to bridge this gap in passenger rail service. Ponca City must position itself to be a scheduled stop along this route and thus, the former Santa Fe Depot will be rehabilitated and re-purposed to serve both as a passenger rail depot and a hub for the local transit system.

The multi-model transportation project has several components that combined, create an integrated transportation system serving not only the citizens of Ponca City but all of Northern Oklahoma. The project is a multi-model transportation project that has several components that combined, create an integrated transportation system serving not only the citizens of Ponca City but all of Northern Oklahoma.

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

Sincerely,

Frank Lucas  
Member of Congress