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Chairwoman Kay Granger
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the I-95 Exit 126 Northbound Onramps project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Spotsylvania County, located at 9104 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553. The funding would be used to provide safety and capacity improvements to the I-95/Route 1 Exit 126 interchange area by creating a dual left turn from Route 1 Northbound to I-95 northbound, widening the I-95 northbound onramp to two lanes, creating an approximately 1500-foot acceleration lane continuing for the onramp, and operational improvements for Route 1 southbound through the Exit 126 interchange.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the transportation improvements will enable more efficient and safer travel along a highly utilized area of I-95 deemed “the nation’s worst traffic hotspot.” The improvements will positively impact travelers and commuters, benefitting approximately 57,000 daily Exit 126 interchange vehicle trips, 60,000 daily Route 1 vehicle trips, and 123,000 daily I-95 vehicle trips. The improvements will impact more than 87 million vehicle trips annually, reducing crashes and traffic delays. The project will also provide needed capacity to the portion of I-95 necessary for access to the future Fredericksburg Veterans Affairs’ Health Care Clinic which will provide much needed care to Virginia Veterans.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,



Abigail Spanberger
Member of Congress