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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for a project that will upgrade US 59 to a 4-lane freeway with frontage roads and grade separation limits from the north end of the Trinity River Bridge to 0.5 mi N of FM 1127, including replacement of the Trinity River Bridge, as part of the ongoing development of I-69 in Texas. The congressionally authorized Interstate 69 project is critical to facilitate freight movement, storm evacuation and economic development in Texas. I-69 is included in the Texas Freight Plan and is being developed by a series of upgrade projects due to lack of guaranteed federal funding to support the construction of the interstate. This project is included in TxDOT's Unified Transportation Plan for letting in 2029. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Jacinto County, located at 1805 N. Timberland Drive Lufkin, Texas 75901.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is authorized under 23 USC 133(b). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Morgan Luttrell Member of Congress