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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Modesto's SR 132 Dakota Avenue to Gates Road Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive the funding is the City of Modesto, located at 1111 I Street Suite 308 Modesto, CA 95354. The funding would be used to acquire rights-of-way to construct an expressway, two grade separations with overpasses, and a roundabout in California's Central Valley. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase pedestrian safety while creating a vital road for goods to ship to all regions of the United States and internationally.

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

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

Sincerely,

John S. Duarte Member of Congress