

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Caldwell Parish Comprehensive Road Rehabilitation for Economic Development Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Caldwell Parish Police Jury, located at 201 Main Street, Suite 5 (P.O. Box 1737), Columbia, LA 71418.

The funding would be used to widen and reconstruct with asphalt overlay critical parish roads in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, improving connections between industrial sites and U.S. Highway 165 to support large-scale economic development. Current road conditions, including narrow lanes and insufficient load-bearing capacity, limit the Parish's ability to support timber freight and attract new industrial investment as the region grows. By improving access to industrial sites, this project increases site readiness, supports existing timber operations, and creates a foundation for long-term job growth.

This project represents a responsible use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses critical infrastructure needs a rural parish with a limited local tax base cannot fund independently, while directly supporting private-sector job creation and long-term economic stability.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 5305(a)(2).

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

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS