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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 Ouachita Parish Vancil Road Interchange and Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, located at 1201 Capitol Access Road (P.O. Box 94245), Baton Rouge, LA 70804.

The funding would be used for the Vancil Road Interchange and Improvement Project in West Monroe, Louisiana, including the construction of a new interchange at Interstate 20, a roundabout at U.S. Highway 80, and the modernization of surrounding roadway. These upgrades will address infrastructure deficiencies that currently cause significant congestion and safety concerns near West Ridge Middle School and growing commercial areas. This investment will strengthen regional mobility and support continued economic development by providing a safer, more efficient connection to a primary interstate corridor.

This project represents a responsible use of taxpayer funds because it preserves a federally recognized transportation asset, directly reduces travel times for local residents, and addresses growth before the existing roads become over-congested and unsafe.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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