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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

## Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

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I am requesting funding for the Cass-White Road Widening, Phase II project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bartow County, located at 135 W Cherokee Ave, Cartersville, GA 30120. The funding would be used to continue the project to realign and widen the existing 2-lane Cass-White Road to a 4-lane divided roadway with a raised concrete median to increase safety and traffic flow. The route serves industry and a rapidly developing logistics sector along the I-75 corridor in Bartow County, Georgia.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the road has seen extensive logistic and industrial development since 2014 and this increase in use necessitates the improvement of the roadway to accommodate additional traffic. The ease of access to I-75 and to US 411 along with the availability of land and up-to-date utilities has led to current commercial space totaling 7,854,418 square feet and with that nearly doubling to add more square footage based on permitting and commercial buildings under construction. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Barry Loudermilk Member of Congress