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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$10 million in funding for operational funding for US 87 in Lamesa (one-way pair) in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas Department of Transportation—Lubbock District, located at 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, TX, 79404.

On the future I-27 corridor, a key location occurs at the city of Lamesa where future I-27E follows US 87 to Big Spring and future I-27W follows SH 349 to Midland/Odessa. A relief route study was completed in early 2010 but was not selected going forward. With the future I-27 designation in place, a new study will be required. However, in the meantime, there is an opportunity to improve the existing traffic flow on US 87 through Lamesa by converting two 2-lane roads through town including existing US 87 and Bus 87 (Dallas Ave) into two one-way pairs. The funding will be used to convert the two two-lane roads through Lamesa into two one-way pairs. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will facilitate the flow of traffic in Lamesa, Texas, and prepare the highways and the community for future development of the newly-designated I-27 highway.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is authorized by 23 U.S. Code § 133(b)(2) and is a federal highway.

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

Sincerely,



Jodey Arrington
Member of Congress