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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Interstate Planning: U.S. 87 from Lubbock to Tahoka in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas Department of Transportation, Lubbock District, located at 135 E. Slaton Hwy, Lubbock, TX, 79404. The Ports to Plains Alliance is submitting the request.

The funding would be used for all Interstate Highway planning as recommended by the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study Final Report published in October 2020 by Texas Department of Transportation. These planning funds would be used within the 19th Congressional District on U.S. 87 between Lubbock and Tahoka for Project Feasibility, Preliminary Design, and Environmental.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project would be another step in a multi-year effort to complete the interstate highway and relief routes throughout Texas along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. This first needed planning step begins the groundwork required to provide a long-range improvement to connectivity, safety and economic benefits to the citizens in the Texas' 19th Congressional District. Agriculture and food products are anticipated to add nine million tons of outbound truck movement and three million tons of inbound truck movement of additional truck freight by 2050.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) and 23 USC 101.

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

Sincerely,



Jodey C. Arrington
Member of Congress