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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,260,000 for the Cleveland Advanced Transportation Command Hub (CATCH) in FY 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cleveland, located at 190 Church Street NE, Cleveland, TN 37303. The funding would be to retrofit its historic municipal building into a dedicated Traffic Operations Headquarters and a state-of-the-art Transportation Management Center (TMC). This facility will serve as the central hub for system monitoring, emergency response coordination, and future ITS integration across the community. The renovation will include selective demolition of obsolete office space to create specialized areas for traffic signal equipment testing, calibration, and storage. The existing council chambers will be transformed into the new TMC control room, supported by a complete electrical and data infrastructure overhaul to meet modern power, fiber, and network standards. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will consolidate all aspects of the City's transportation management functions into one secure, purpose-built facility. Centralizing operations will physically separate industrial fabrication and repair areas from sensitive electronic workspaces, dramatically reduce reliance on emergency outside contractors, and safeguard millions of dollars in municipal inventory, equipment, and fleet assets.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress