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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 \$9,000,000 for Elder Mountain Road in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chattanooga, located at 101 E. 11th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. The funding would be used to repair Elder Mountain Road, which primarily serves residents who are unfortunately suffering due to arbitrary civic lines as they not only live just outside the city line, but reside in a completely different county as well. Unfortunately, Elder Mountain itself, at least the portion on which the road rests, is made up of a shale-like substance that over the years has crumbled and subsided, far more than a mere repaving could repair. To allow Marion and Hamilton counties to remain connected, the road will require extensive shoring up and partial rebuilding in several areas, which if performed solely by the City of Chattanooga would represent the municipality's entire annual paving budget. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure public access for the residents in Marion and Hamilton counties that are part of the Chattanooga community and provide citizens with access to amenities, services, and jobs for generations to come.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. §133.

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