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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bibb Garrett Road - Airport Road Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Decatur, located at 402 Lee Street NE, Decatur, Alabama, 35601. The funding would be used for supporting the rapid growth in North Alabama by making essential improvements to a critical logistics and workforce artery, Bibb Garrett Road and Airport Road, that will strengthen national defense readiness, enhance freight mobility, and unlock high-value industrial development. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will yield substantial long-term returns by enabling industrial expansion, supporting national-security missions, and strengthening the economic foundation of North Alabama.

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,



Dale W. Strong  
Member of Congress