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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0105

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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 SR-53 Widening from Harvest Road to Old Railroad Bed Road Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Madison County, located at 266-C Shields Road, Huntsville, Alabama 35811. The funding would be used to expand a 2.44-mile segment of one of the busiest parts of the road, reducing congestion, enhancing safety, and supporting ongoing residential and industrial growth in one of North Alabama's fastest-growing corridors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will deliver substantial local and regional benefits by increasing road capacity, decreasing travel times, and enhancing safety standards.

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