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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Columbia I-70 Companion Infrastructure Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Columbia located at 701 East Broadway Columbia, Missouri 65205. The funding would be used to support the I-70 expansion by adding a third lane to both east and west bound traffic through the City of Columbia.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the economic growth near the Midway Route 40 exit, bridges and outer roads must have room to install pedestrian facilities to ensure future connectivity. This infrastructure investment is needed to prevent traffic delays and enhance local access for residents, students, and businesses throughout the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (23 USC 133).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
Member of Congress