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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Coles Boulevard Improvement Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Portsmouth, Ohio, located at 728 Second St. Rm 25, Portsmouth, OH 45662.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will fund important safety improvements to Coles Boulevard, a major collector road in Portsmouth, Ohio. Coles Boulevard services the northern part of the community and has a deteriorated condition involving roadway surface, curbing, and drainage system. The corridor lacks ADA curb ramps and sections of the sidewalks have deteriorated over the years from the poor drainage on the corridor. In 2021, the city of Portsmouth conducted a Feasibility-Safety Study of a 0.9-mile section of Coles Boulevard to evaluate crash patterns and determine safety countermeasures to address safety issues. This project would help address the issues identified by improving roadway standards/geometrics, enhancing safety and operations, and improving non-motorized facilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad R. Wenstrup".

Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.  
Member of Congress