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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 Cooks Hill Road Repair Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ross County Engineer, located at 15 N. Paint St, Suite 200, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will fund slip repairs on Cooks Hill Road including Survey & Geotechnical Exploration, Retaining Wall Design, and construction costs. Cooks Hill Road is a crucial connector between State Route-772 and State Route-104, two major thoroughfares with relatively high Annual Average Daily Traffic, the closure of which has notably affected the response times and routes of emergency services, particularly the township fire and EMS department. Reopening the road will allow quicker and more efficient access for first responders, while enhancing convenience, safety, and access to essential services for residents and businesses in the area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

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