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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa De Lauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Licking County Refugee Road Corridor Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive this funding is the Licking County Transportation Improvement District, located at 20 South 2nd Street, Newark, OH 43215. The funding would allow for a major portion of Refugee Road in Licking County, the City of Pataskala and Etna Township to be re-constructed. The narrow roadway would be widened to 11- or 12-foot lane widths, with graded and paved shoulders that match new engineering standards, and drainage would be improved. In addition to the reconstruction, intersection improvements would be made at Columbia Road with consideration of roundabout construction at these 2 intersections. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Refugee Road serves as a primary route to the Pataskala-Etna Corporate Park and provides vital access to West Licking Fire District Station 403, Liberty Christian Academy, and Southwest Licking Schools. The project will improve safety and alleviate traffic congestion for families and local residents, as there is substantial truck traffic along the route.

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,



Troy Balderson
Member of Congress