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

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Monroe County CTH ET Multimodal and Freight Corridor in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Monroe County Highway Department, located at 803 Washington Street, Sparta, WI 54656.

The funding would be used to address safety concerns, enhance the movement of freight, provide safe access to agriculture, industrial, commercial, recreational and residential interests, enhance access to the Tomah VA Medical Center and the U.S. Army's Fort McCoy, and provide multimodal opportunities, including freight and passenger rail, and vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the cost of these improvements greatly exceed the capacity of Monroe County and the City of Tomah to fund through sources traditionally available. Federal funding will complete the necessary financing package and will enable the county and the city to timely construct the project.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 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 "D. Van Orden".

Derrick Van Orden  
Member of Congress