Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Chairwoman Kay Granger House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro House Appropriations Committee 2313 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for construction of exit 12 on I-81 in Pennsylvania in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Franklin County, located at 272 North Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17202. The funding will be used for the new Interstate 81 Interchange at Exit 12.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Exit 12 project is a regionally significant project with wide support from community stakeholders and municipal and industry leaders that seeks to increase the safety and mobility of those traveling in and through Franklin County. Interstate 81 carries over 40% of all travel in and through the county with a fair portion of that by freight or heavy vehicle traffic. This project seeks to increase safety and travel reliability on and along I-81 as there have been significant delays and safety concerns related to recent traffic accidents involving trucks at nearby exits, namely exit 14. This project will provide safer, more appropriate ramp geometry for trucks entering and exiting the interstate, as well as more direct access to a majority of their origins and destinations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the 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,

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress