

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hooks Lake Port Connection Road in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Washington County Commission, located at 45 Court Street, Chatom, AL 36518. The funding would be used to design and construct a heavy-duty road and bridge connecting the existing Hooks Lake Port to the AM/NS and Outokumpu steel mills. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance operational efficiency at both steel mills, driving economic growth in the region. Furthermore, reducing heavy truck traffic will help preserve local infrastructure, resulting in long-term cost savings and improved roadway safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 USC 133.

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

Sincerely,



Shomari C. Figures
Member of Congress