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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman 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 Blaine Barton Road Intersection Safety Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Belmont County, Ohio, located at 67711 Oak View Rd., St. Clairsville, Ohio, 43950.

The funding would be used to complete safety enhancements and realign the intersection of Blaine Barton Rd. and U.S. Route 40 in Belmont County, Ohio.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because its completion will improve intersection operations and intersection sight distance, which will result in increased public safety for motorists and pedestrians. Improvements to this heavily travelled corridor will ensure it is able to continue to handle current traffic, as well as planned economic development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 23 U.S. Code section 133 (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Michael A. Rulli