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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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The Honorable Rosa De Lauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As part of the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN Metropolitan Statistical Area, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and the City of Murfreesboro have experienced unprecedented growth over the past 20 years. With over 20,000 students and more than 3000 faculty and staff, the University is effectively a discreet community within the city's boundaries. Coupled with the City's population growth, now exceeding 165,000 (a more than 200% increase since the 2000 census); strategic investments in infrastructure are now required to meet the community demands for safe and efficient movement of people and vehicles in the area.

This project has a Federal nexus, as it is utilized for the purposes authorized in Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

Scott DesJarlais

Member of Congress