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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Middle Tennessee State University Pedestrian Safety Improvements in the fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for the project is Middle Tennessee State University, located at 1301 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as the need for continued improvement to the region's transportation systems becomes increasingly critical to MTSU's growth, support for the city and region's transit systems affecting students, faculty, staff, and citizens of Murfreesboro is equally vital. The ongoing community roadway improvements, coupled with the expansion of our improved pedestrian lighting plan, will address City and Federal safety and transportation concerns.

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), this project would provide 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping arch over a horizontal line, with a few additional strokes below.

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