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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

April 28, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kentucky Ave Bridge Replacement, submitted by the City of Independence, Missouri for Fiscal Year 2026. The City of Independence is located at 111 E. Maple Avenue, Independence, MO 64051.

This project by the City of Independence, Missouri, will replace the existing bridge, built in the 1920's. The bridge has been closed since 2019 due to a hole in the deck. Kentucky Road serves as an arterial for residential and commercial areas through Independence and Sugar Creek.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because a bridge replacement will improve the two communities' access to other areas, improve time of travel, and reduce logistics and scheduling costs. A bridge replacement will also allow quicker response for emergency services through Independence and Sugar Creek. Replacing this bridge will provide a vital arterial traffic route for residents, business owners, and emergency vehicles for both Independence and Sugar Creek, MO. This is one of multiple bridges within the 5th District that has either been closed or is in dire need of repairs to provide efficient and safe access for the district's community residents. This bridge also provides the most direct route to one of the district's wastewater treatment plants that serves the surrounding population in Independence.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 133(b) of title 23, U.S. Code, as amended by title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – construction of highways, bridges, tunnels.

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

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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