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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Edwards AFB North Gate Intersection-Interchange Safety Consolidation in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kern Council of Governments, located at 1401 19th Street, Suite 300, Bakersfield, California 93301. The funding would be used for SR 58 and connecting road improvements to upgrade 5-miles of SR 58 from an expressway to a controlled access freeway standard by realigning the dangerous Cal City Blvd at grade intersection and consolidating it with an existing freeway interchange at SR58/140th Street North Gate Main Entrance to Edwards AFB and NASA's Neil Armstrong Center via a new frontage road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety and lessen congestion along a dangerous roadway. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by subsection 1 of 23 USC 133(b)

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

Sincerely,

Jay Obernolte
Member of Congress