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Representative Tom Cole
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Representative Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Douglas International Port of Entry Connector Road in Cochise County, Arizona, in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arizona Department of Transportation, located at 206 S. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. The funding would be used for the Connector Road that will link the new International Land Port of Entry (IPOE) to State Route 80 and safely accommodate commercial truck traffic that will be utilizing the IPOE. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new Douglas IPOE will process the commercial vehicles, thereby, reducing the disruption to traffic in the City of Douglas, reduce vehicle emissions and wait times at the current POE, transportation and public safety in the city will be increased, personnel who work at the facility will have improved safety measures.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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