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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Olive Avenue Bridge Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Burbank located at 275 East Olive Avenue, Burbank, California 91502. The funding would be used for the planning and engineering design and environmental review for the replacement of the Olive Avenue Bridge in Burbank, one of the largest employment centers in the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it funds the engineering design as well as necessary preliminary environmental studies that are necessary for the construction of the bridge replacement. The Olive Avenue Bridge is an essential link between downtown Burbank and the regional transit network— and replacing the bridge would alleviate critical safety and structural deficiencies while improving pedestrian access, transit connectivity, and seismic resiliency. Built in 1959, the bridge no longer meets current safety or design standards, with narrow sidewalks, low railings, and poor pedestrian separation. Replacing the bridge will enhance safety, support multimodal transportation, and integrate key transit services including Metrolink, Metro's upcoming Bus Rapid Transit line, and Amtrak. Improved connectivity will not only benefit Burbank, a city that doubles in population during the day, but will also expand access for transit riders throughout the LA Basin, helping to reduce congestion and support regional mobility.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress