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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
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and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Central Texas Railroad Freight Corridor Feasibility and Opportunity Study in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CapMetro), located at 3100 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702.

The funding would be used to fund a comprehensive freight corridor feasibility and opportunity study to evaluate the potential for expanded freight rail services along this corridor. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because benefits to the community include: reduction in heavy truck traffic on regional highways; lower greenhouse gas emissions per ton-mile compared to trucking; catalyst for new industrial and agricultural activity in rural communities along the corridor; creation of family-wage jobs; strengthened supply chains; and improved financial sustainability of CapMetro's transit system through diversified freight revenue.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States code.

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

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett