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

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

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Jacksonville's Arlington Road Bridge over Strawberry Creek Replacement Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 117 W. Duval St., Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

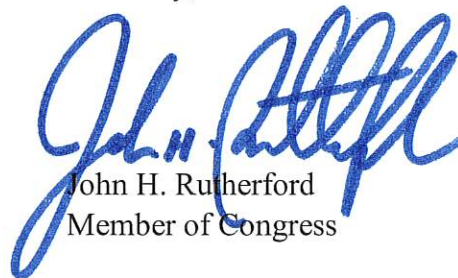
The Arlington Road Bridge over Strawberry Creek serves residents and travelers throughout the Arlington community. Constructed more than 50 years ago on timber piles, the existing bridge must be replaced to protect safety and reliability for travelers. The City recently implemented safety improvements to keep the bridge operational in the short term, but a full replacement is necessary.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because replacing the bridge will help ensure safe and reliable travel for residents, commuters, emergency vehicles, and local businesses that rely on Arlington Road as an important transportation corridor.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133 (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,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress