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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 St. Johns County's State Road (SR) 16 Highway Infrastructure Widening Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 500 San Sabastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The funding would be used to widen SR 16 from a two-lane high-speed arterial to a four-lane divided highway. This corridor serves as a critical east-west connection linking residential neighborhoods, schools, major employment centers, freight hubs, evacuation routes, and the regional interstate system in one of Florida's fastest-growing counties. Traffic volume along SR 16 currently operates over capacity, ranging from approximately 19,600 to 24,700 vehicles per day. Crash analysis indicates that 10 of the 12 intersections along this segment of SR 16 are identified as high-crash locations. Without additional capacity and operational improvements, increasing congestion will exacerbate safety risks and hinder regional mobility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly enhance mobility, safety, and reliability along this critical east-west connection between International Golf Parkway and Interstate 95 in one of Florida's fastest growing counties.

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