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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Verona Road Bridge Replacement in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, located at 45 Thoms Run Road Bridgeville, PA 15017. The funding would be used to replace the existing bridge with a new reinforced concrete box culvert with minimal approach roadway work. The project, which is located on Verona Road between Mt Carmel Road and Lincoln Road, will be constructed during a closure and detour of Verona Road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Verona Road Bridge Replacement project would replace the existing bridge with a structure that would ensure the safety and reliability of this corridor on State Route 2058. The proposed project would improve any structural and geometric deficiencies of the existing bridge and approach roadway to ensure uninterrupted traffic movements and reduce ongoing maintenance costs. This is a significant commercial transportation corridor for the Municipality of Penn Hills carrying local traffic as well as commuters to and from the City of Pittsburgh, Borough of Wilkinsburg, Borough of Verona, and the Borough of Oakmont. Restoration of the Verona Road Bridge is a significant improvement to the local and regional traffic circulation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher R. Deluzio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" being more prominent than the last name "Deluzio".

Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress