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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Interstate 5 Boone Bridge Environmental Planning and Pre-Design Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), located at 355 Capitol Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97070.

The funding would be used to help complete early environmental and pre-design work for the I-5 Boone Bridge. The proposed work will help refine project scope and cost uncertainty by funding pre-NEPA environmental and engineering investigation and analysis. This effort is built on the Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) work that was completed in 2025. The proposed scope of work includes environmental documentation, mid-river geotechnical investigations, hydraulic analysis and bridge concept development.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Marion County, the northern Willamette Valley, and the entire Portland Metropolitan region rely on the flow of goods and economic opportunities for workers and families along I-5. The current bridge is inadequate to meet community needs and is not seismically resilient, which is both an economic and safety hardship for the region.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



MEMBER OF CONGRESS