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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Monroe Railroad Grade Separation project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Monroe, located at 769 Village Way, Monroe, WA, 98272. The funding would be used to complete project development for a rail capital project that includes five at-grade and closely spaced BNSF rail crossings.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because improved crossings would enhance the flow of traffic on the three major arterials that come through Monroe: State Route 522, State Route 203, and U.S. 2. Commuters from Monroe, Sultan, Gold Bar, Duvall, Snohomish, the greater Snohomish and Sky Valley regions would be positively affected. The City of Monroe organized a Railroad Community Survey to understand the impact of the five BNSF rail crossings. Respondents said the railroad is a barrier to accessing essential services, workplaces, schools, and health care.

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,



Suzan K. DelBene
Member of Congress