

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2703**

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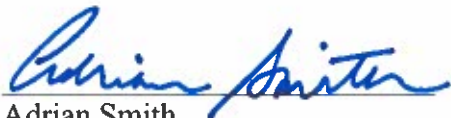
The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cemetery Road Conversion project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is McPherson County, NE, located at 500 Anderson Street, Tryon, NE 69167. The funding would be used to convert approximately 7.8 miles of deteriorated asphalt on Cemetery Road into a properly constructed gravel roadway. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enhance safety along an important agriculture corridor for residents, ranchers, and emergency services in a large, rural county. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by USC 23 U.S.C. §133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Adrian Smith  
Member of Congress