

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

March 27, 2026


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 North Loup Road Resurfacing project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The County of Blaine, NE, located at 145 Lincoln Ave, Brewster, Nebraska 68821. The funding would be used for the resurfacing of a deteriorated portion of North Loup River Road. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current condition of the road has created a safety hazard with the potential to have other adverse burdens on the county, including additional equipment repairs and maintenance due to road conditions and at worst, the loss of the life. Additionally, agriculture and livestock producers rely heavily upon this road for accessing and feeding livestock. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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