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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on
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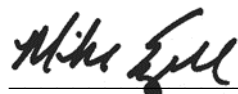
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Kiln Waveland Cutoff Road safety improvements in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Waveland, located at 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS, 39576. The funding would be used for flooding remediation measures, such as removing, replacing, and upgrading ditches and drainage culverts to alleviate flooding issues. Improvements will include improved signage, stripping, and pedestrian, access connecting from Waveland Ave., and addressing utility needs.

Currently serving as a critical evacuation route for City of Waveland residents, the 1.5-mile stretch of Kiln Waveland Cutoff Road links Hwy 90 to Hwy 603 and Interstate 10. This road experiences frequent flooding during storms which can cause travel delays and hinder emergency response times. This road is critical to Hancock County residents with Hwy 90 being closed as a main evacuation route out of Mississippi into Louisiana should a major storm head this way. This would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses current safety concerns and improves overall resilience to ensure the road remains a reliable route for residents and emergency responders and increases access to a low-income area that could benefit from increased development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress