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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for McHenry County for The Final Design Engineering Phase of the Woodstock Rail Yard Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of McHenry, located at 16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL 60098.

The funding would be used for the final design engineering phase of the consolidation of two substandard Metra rail yards in the City of Crystal Lake and the Village of Barrington, as well as the construction of a new rail yard in the City of Woodstock. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Woodstock Rail Yard will enable Metra to provide more frequent commuter train service on the UPNW Line and will create economic opportunities for rural communities in McHenry County.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 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,



Bill Foster
Member of Congress