



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

March 25, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, 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 the Highway Corridor Management and Safety Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), located at 355 Capitol St NE Salem, OR 97301. The funding would be used to purchase Incident Response (IR) vehicles to improve mobility and flow of traffic in several parts of Oregon, including the Columbia River Gorge. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because travel on I-84 and US-26 through the Columbia Gorge, particularly during peak summer season, can be kept safer and more efficient by availability of ODOT IR vehicles to rapidly respond to and resolve issues on the roadway. While this benefits all users of the route, it especially benefits local residents whose daily travels frequently put them at risk of encountering issues on the road.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maxine Dexter".

Maxine Dexter, MD  
Member of Congress