

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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

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

I am requesting funding for Independence Rail Crossing in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Independence, located at 1920 County Rd 90, Independence, MN 55359.

The funding would be used by the City of Independence to make safety upgrades at the railroad crossing at Town Line Road and Sunset Lane. The proposed upgrades will address long-standing safety concerns at the crossing, including high train speeds, limited site lines, and high vehicle traffic volume. Upgraded infrastructure, including updated signaling, improved gates, and advanced safety measures, will reduce the likelihood of danger between vehicles and trains. In addition, the project will allow this crossing to meet federal requirements necessary to establish a designated quiet zone, which will improve quality of life for residents of Independence and the surrounding area. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety for pedestrians, drivers, and first responders in the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 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,



Kelly Morrison
Member of Congress