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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

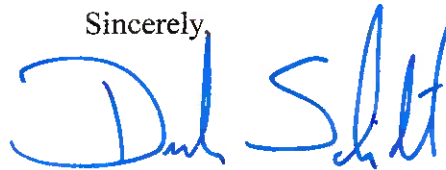
I am requesting funding for US-24 Bridge Replacements. The entity to receive funding for the project is the Kansas Department of Transportation located at 700 SW Harrison Street, Topeka, KS 66603.

The project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the bridges are located on US-24, an important east/west corridor that stretches the length of Kansas from the Colorado border to the Missouri border. The two bridges being replaced in this project are located on US-24 on the north side of Topeka near commercial and industrial businesses. These businesses count on a connected, reliable transportation system to get their goods to market.

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

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

Sincerely,



Derek Schmidt  
Member of Congress