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March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **University of Memphis Highland Street Improvement Project** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **University of Memphis located at 315 Administration Building, Memphis, Tennessee 38152-3370**. The funding will be used to **rebuild the busy intersection of Highland Street and Southern Avenue**.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **it will revitalize a key transit corridor in the University District, as well as improve street safety for both pedestrians and vehicles**.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress