



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

May 23, 2025

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

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

I am requesting funding for the SR 18, Wilmington Road Betterment Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – District 11 located at 45 Thoms Run Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017. The funding would be used to restore and repave SR 18 between Wilmington Township and Neshannock Township, Lawrence County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing road surface is deteriorating and reaching the end of its useful life. SR 18 connects New Castle, PA to SR 208 and the towns of Pulaski, New Wilmington, and Volant. Both corridors are populated with commercial farms and restoring the existing road surface would improve traffic flow and commuter safety for travelers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly  
Member of Congress