

March 23, 2023

Chairwoman Kay Granger
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lee County's Big Hickory, Little Carlos Pass and New Pass Bridge PD&E in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lee County, located at 2115 Second St, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these bridges are vital to support the Southwest Florida hospitality/tourism economy and to provide safety for residents, workers, and visitors. The bridges provide key access to the island from the workforce community of Bonita Springs as well as to visitors approaching the island from southern Lee County and from Collier County. The bridges also ensure a southern hurricane evacuation route from the island community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 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 be 'BD', written over a horizontal line.

Byron Donalds
Member of Congress