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

**Committee on House Administration**  
*Ranking Member*

**Committee on Appropriations**  
*Vice Ranking Member*  
*Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,*  
*Science, and Related Agencies*  
*Subcommittee on Defense*

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Steve Womack  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related  
Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Clyburn  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related  
Agencies  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn,

As you begin your work on the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request your consideration of the following funding priorities.

**1. Monroe County Department of Transportation—Gillett Road Bridge**

- a. Agency/Bureau:** DOT/Federal Highway Administration
- b. Account:** Highway Infrastructure Programs
- c. Program:** Highway General Fund Programs
- d. Project Description:** The Monroe County Department of Transportation is seeking \$8,110,000 to remove the aging Gillett Road bridge. The funding would be used to remove the bridge, fill and regrade the location, and construct a new road to replace the bridge. This bridge carries a county highway that is a vital local connector in the Spencerport area. It is used daily by multiple school buses, as it connects school facilities that are located on both sides of the bridge. It is a route to the commercial district in the Village of Spencerport and is used as a route by EMS providers to access parts of the area that are north of the Erie Canal. It is a concern for fire safety as there are three properties located between the canal bridge and this bridge that have decreased fire and rescue access. Additionally, there are multiple businesses located in a business park south of the bridge that utilized it daily to get to areas north of the bridge and must now detour around the bridge.
- e. Request Amount:** \$8,110,000

- 2. Town of Perinton—Capital Improvements to Perinton Community Center/Park**
  - a. Agency/Bureau:** HUD/Community Planning and Development
  - b. Account:** Economic Development Initiatives
  - c. Program:** Economic Development Initiatives
  - d. Project Description:** The Town of Perinton is seeking \$2,250,000 for the demolition of deteriorating and inadequate park playground equipment, and reconstruction of more inclusive amenities in a more accessible location on the same property site.
  - e. Request Amount:** \$2,250,000
  
- 3. Town/Village of East Rochester—Acquisition & Development of Linden Park**
  - a. Agency/Bureau:** HUD/Community Development Initiatives
  - b. Account:** Economic Development Initiatives
  - c. Program:** Economic Development Initiatives
  - d. Project Description:** The Village of East Rochester is seeking \$1,750,000 to convert 3 acres of private property with a vacant structure into a park with a lodge, pavilion, and dedicated recreational activities.
  - e. Request Amount:** \$1,750,000
  
- 4. City of Rochester—Public Market Expansion**
  - a. Agency/Bureau:** HUD/Community Development Initiatives
  - b. Account:** Economic Development Initiatives
  - c. Program:** Economic Development Initiatives
  - d. Project Description:** The City of Rochester is seeking \$8,000,000 for the construction of a new, enclosed vending facility and nutrition education center at the Rochester Public Market.
  - e. Request Amount:** \$8,000,000
  
- 5. Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority—Hydrogen Fueler Boil-off Capture System**
  - a. Agency/Bureau:** DOT/Federal Transit Administration
  - b. Account:** Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)
  - c. Program:** General
  - d. Project Description:** The Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority is seeking \$1,600,000 for a boil-off capture system that would capture, compress, and store gaseous hydrogen where it can then be used to fuel buses rather than being vented into the atmosphere.
  - e. Request Amount:** \$1,600,000
  
- 6. Monroe Community College—Optics Instructional Equipment**
  - a. Agency/Bureau:** HUD/Community Planning and Development
  - b. Account:** Economic Development Initiatives
  - c. Program:** Economic Development Initiatives
  - d. Project Description:** Monroe Community College is seeking \$2,192,000 for their

Applied Technology Center. The technology center will house advanced manufacturing, optical system technologies, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and automotive technology. The equipment will support education and training for new entrants into the high-tech semiconductor manufacturing and optics fields, including apprentices and the upskilling of incumbent workers.

**e. Request Amount:** \$2,192,000

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Joseph D. Morelle  
Member of Congress