Hon. Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
2413 RHOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1026 LHOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Montgomery County Bridge Replacement Project in fiscal year 2023. They are requesting $2,500,000 in funding.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Montgomery County, located at 406 W Fourth St, Red Oak, IA 51566.

The proposed project consists of replacing an existing 284-foot long continuous span steel I-beam bridge with a 310-foot long concrete beam bridge per current Iowa DOT and Montgomery County Standards. The existing bridge is on a Minor Collector Farm to Market Road, with an average of 60 ADT based on the Iowa DOT traffic count map from 2016. This includes significant truck and agricultural vehicles.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1942. In 1959 it was lengthened to its current length. It had served as a vital route for area farmers to move oversized agricultural equipment from one side of the East Nishnabotna River to the other until its closure in 2019 after being damaged during the 2019 FEMA-declared flood disaster. 250th Street is a heavily traveled route providing vital access across the East Nishnabotna River for Montgomery County Producers to both sides of the river and to the grain elevator located in Red Oak. The next nearest river crossings are 2 miles south and 5 miles north from this bridge’s location, with both routes having their own unique challenges for oversized agricultural equipment. The roadway is an important part of our agricultural system for producers as well as residential traffic and must be replaced soon.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Cindy Axne  
Member of Congress IA-03