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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments Highway 101/135 interchange Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite B, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

The requested federal funding will be used to fund the U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 135 Interchange Project, which will modernize a critical gateway into Santa Barbara County in the City of Santa Maria by reconstructing the outdated trumpet interchange to improve safety, traffic operations, and regional mobility. This project will directly benefit northern Santa Maria neighborhoods, where residents face higher transportation costs and limited vehicle access.

The project represents a good use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses critical infrastructure needs, improves safety and mobility for all users—including disadvantaged communities—supports economic growth, and leverages federal investment to ensure long-term regional transportation benefits.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

Salud Carbajal  
Member of Congress