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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug  
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Committee on Appropriations  
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Ranking Member  
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Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding for J-Turn at Bel Clare Drive in Waite Park in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Stearns County, located at 705 Courthouse Square St. Cloud, MN 56303-4701.

The funding would be used to reconstruct the intersection of Bel Clare Drive and Highway 23. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a low-cost/high-benefit investment that will reduce safety concerns and improve travel time reliability for local residents, particularly Bel Clare Estates mobile home community residents. Additionally, it will preserve the regional mobility of Highway 23 that is important for efficiency, safety, and reliability benefits for existing local freight-related businesses, and those anticipated to develop in this targeted growth area, providing jobs within the rapidly growing St Cloud metropolitan area.

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,



Tom Emmer  
Member of Congress