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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southern California Regional Railroad Authority (Metrolink) Arroyo Simi Bridges Scour Mitigation Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southern California Regional Railroad Authority (Metrolink), located at 900 Wilshire Blvd. Ste. 1500 Los Angeles CA 90017.

The funding would be used for protective rehabilitation and scour mitigation for the four existing channel bridges east of the Moorpark station in Ventura County. Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner and Metrolink's Ventura County Line (VCL) share the corridor and 10 stations in the project area. Union Pacific Railroad (UP) operates approximately 34 trains per month on the VCL, using the segment that includes the Arroyo Simi Channel bridges. The project scope includes clearing vegetation within the right-of-way, rerouting the channel for construction, installing FHWA Class IX riprap to protect the bridge piers from scour and damage from storm debris, and extending concrete encasements to the bottom of the riprap. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will better ensure reliable service for both Metrolink and Amtrak passengers, prevent the loss of ridership, and benefit businesses and residents in Ventura County.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49, United States Code.

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 "Julia Brownley".

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress