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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) Simi Valley to Moorpark Installation and Deployment of Fiber Network System Project in fiscal year 2025. 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 installing fiber and corresponding infrastructure to enhance the rail network between Simi Valley and Moorpark. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it adds a critical level of redundancy to Metrolink's safety assets in the field, such as signal switches and station components. Metrolink is ready to continue with the design, procurement, and installation of the high-speed data network to transport high-bandwidth video and data systemwide. Other benefits include the potential to reduce reliance on public utilities to conduct railroad business, often a source of unplanned outages. Having this infrastructure would also decrease our interactions with potential sources of security risks to operations. Current grant funding will allow Metrolink to complete the link to the Simi Valley station, but additional funding is needed to continue expanding west to Moorpark Station.

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