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April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the Rehabilitation of Cicero Ave Bridge over the Illinois Sanitary and Ship Canal in Chicago, Illinois in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Department of Transportation located at 2 N. LaSalle Street Suite 1110, Chicago, Illinois, 60602.

This project involves the rehabilitation of the Cicero Avenue Bridge over the Sanitary and Ship Canal. The Cicero Bridge is adjacent to the I-55 expressway, approximately 3.5 miles south of I-290 expressway, less than 2 miles north of Midway Airport, and the Canal is lined with businesses, likely utilizing the freight system. This principal freight corridor is important in the overall system and connects to other principal routes. Cicero is a vital north/south truck route in the region and is a part of the Primary Highway Freight System.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the funding of the project will help ensure this existing piece of infrastructure is preserved and the connection across the Sanitary and Ship Canal is maintained as part of the Primary Highway Freight System. The project will help improve efficiency by increasing the bridge rating. This will in-turn remove the overweight truck restrictions currently on the bridge. This will eliminate overweight truck reroutes that currently occur due to the restriction, thereby improving efficiency.

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

Sincerely,



Jesús G. "Chuy" García
Member of Congress