



March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
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Re: A \$1.6 Million funding request for design work for the widening of LA Hwy. 30 in Ascension Parish, from its intersection with LA Hwy. 73 to its intersection with I-10 in Gonzales, LA

Dear Committee Leadership:

This letter is in full support of the above referenced funding request for the critical need to widen an 8.5-mile section of LA Hwy. 30, which serves a vital industrial corridor.

There are \$10-12 Billion of Petro-Chemical expansions underway or being planned for this area. These expansions will serve as one of the country's most significant centers of new energy technologies and carbon reduction projects.

The associated contractors that will construct and maintain these plants, as well as the industrial vehicles used to transport the new products will nearly double the daily traffic volume on this two-lane highway to 34,000 heavy trucks and other vehicles.

The current and future traffic volumes are such that workers have difficulty in reaching the sites; school buses are surrounded by heavy industrial vehicles and often delayed; law enforcement, fire, and ambulance emergency vehicles find it difficult to respond as rapidly as needed; and this hurricane evacuation route comes to a standstill when needed most.

This project is a critical part of our country's energy future. It will be transformative for our citizens and our industrial partners.

Thus, I ask that this request be given favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Desiree Lemoine
Campaign Manager, Industry Makes.

CC: The Honorable Garret Graves