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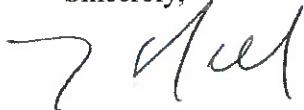
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$1,545,000 in funding for the City of Palacios, TX, to reconstruct the Koontz Bridge in eastern Palacios, TX. The Koontz Bridge is a wooden plank bridge that connects communities to downtown. More and more traffic crosses this bridge and with the more frequent extreme weather and larger hurricanes, the bridge's days are short lived.

The bridge is on the verge of collapse as more traffic crosses it daily. Many residents and students travel over this bridge and its rebuild is critical. The project will rebuild the Koontz Bridge and replace the wooden planks with reinforced concrete to last the test of time. The support columns will be reinforced and the connections to the roads on both sides will be repaired. The reinforced concrete will be strong enough to withstand the increased traffic and extreme weather.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133. I also certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Troy E. Nehls
Member of Congress