

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Senator Sandra Pappas
Chair - MN Senate Capital Investment Committee
2113 Minnesota Senate Building

The Honorable Representative Fue Lee
Chair - MN House Capital Investment Committee
485 State Office Building

Re: SF35/HF237: Support for Scott County Highway 169 Safety Improvements Bond

Dear Chairs Pappas and Lee and Members of Minnesota's Capitol Investment Committees:

As the United States Congressional Representative for Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I am writing to share my strong support for the request for bonding dollars to design and construct local road safety and efficiency improvements at the interchange at U.S. Highway 169, marked Trunk Highway 282, and County State-Aid Highway 9 in the city of Jordan. I was proud to lead bipartisan efforts to secure an \$8 million federal grant for this project.

This legislation was authored by Representative Ben Bakeberg and Senator Eric Pratt who represents the project areas and have worked diligently to draft this bill with input from their local, regional, and statewide project partners. These partners include the City of Jordan, Sand Creek and St. Lawrence Townships and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), among others.

This project will replace the last signalized highway intersection within 50 miles of the Twin Cities. This replacement will create a 75-mile stoplight free zone to improve a key interregional corridor in Minnesota that is essential to commuters, residents and local businesses. It will also improve safety for everyone who utilizes the corridor. This intersection and adjacent Union Pacific mainline train crossing have been the sites of numerous crashes, some resulting in fatalities.

If included in this year's Minnesota bonding bill, the funding will provide benefits that will ripple far beyond the immediate project area into rural portions of my district that rely heavily on this corridor for their ability to transport products and agricultural commodities to market. As a member of the US House Committee on Agriculture, I know how important this corridor is to farmers in my district and across Minnesota.

I strongly support application for funding through the Minnesota Legislature's bonding process and ask you to give it full and due consideration. If you have questions, please contact Mumina Mohamud, my Senior Community Liaison, at 651-846-2120 or by email at mumina.mohamud@mail.house.gov

Sincerely,



Angie Craig Member of Congress

Cc: Members of the Minnesota Senate Capital Investment Committee

Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee