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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Thompson River Bridge Bank Stabilization project in fiscal year 2022.

Grundy County, Missouri and the Grundy County Industrial Development Corporation are the project sponsors for this project. The project is located approximately half a mile west of Trenton, Missouri on the North side of Missouri State Highway 6.

The funding is designated for repair and stabilization of damage caused to the riverbank stemming from the flood of 2019. Failure to complete this project places the Thompson River Bridge in imminent jeopardy from washout which would result in the closure of the highway and extensive damage to the bridge.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars that will protect this vital regional asset. Without use of the Thompson River Bridge the region will lose its main access to Interstate 35. Without access to this transportation resource industries like Modine Manufacturing, Nestle Foods, Smithfield would suffer. Additionally, access to North Central Missouri College, North Central Mental Health, the Children's Advocacy Center, and the Green Hills Women's shelter would be compromised as well as immediate access for medical personnel to expedite medical transfers to Kansas City.

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

Sincerely,



Sam Graves
Member of Congress