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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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April 30, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **Enhancing Eastern Shore Freight Rail Growth and Reliability Project** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) located at 7201 Corporate Center Dr, Hanover, MD 21076. The purpose of this funding is to support the repair for the MDOT-owned Centreville 9 and Chestertown freight rail lines in Kent and Queen Anne's County Maryland.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow MDOT to conduct long-needed maintenance to prevent further product delays and other negative impacts to local businesses because of track shutdowns. This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 22907 of title 49, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andy Harris'.

Andy Harris, M.D.
Member of Congress