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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Christy A. Hall
South Carolina Department of Transportation
955 Park Street
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Dear Secretary Hall:

The omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 2016 provides for the repurposing of certain Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) appropriated funds that have languished for a decade or more. Several projects for which I sponsored and secured funds meet the criteria of this provision. The Interim Board of Trustees of South Carolina State University has stabilized the institution and re-energized its alumni. The Board and the new President are actively working with FHWA to advance the University Transportation Center project, and will utilize all appropriated funds.

Funding for those other projects I sponsored that have been completed or are not moving forward total \$21,491,338. It is my understanding that one criterion is that the funds be repurposed for projects within a 50-mile radius of the initially purposed site. Consequently, I am proposing that the total cited above be repurposed as follows:

City of Sumter's Manning Avenue and N. Main Street Corridor Revitalization - \$11,491,338
Orangeburg County's Russell Street and Magnolia Street Revitalization - \$6,500,000
University of South Carolina's South Main Street project - \$3,000,000
SCDOT's Zan Street project in the City of Orangeburg - \$500,000

I believe these proposals will provide the greatest benefit to the 6th Congressional District and the State of South Carolina. In all cases, the local entities undertaking the projects are prepared to meet the 20% match requirement associated with the funding. The South Carolina Department of Transportation will not bear any additional expense. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to working with you to implement this provision.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn
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