



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the East Industrial Street Extension Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of DeWitt located at 510 9th Street, PO Box 407.

The funding would be used to extend East Industrial Street and related utilities, approximately 3,000 feet to the east connecting to 300th Avenue. The proposal also includes improving 300th Avenue from E. Industrial Street to US 30, creating a direct connection with this major east-west 4-lane highway. The project will open up over 120 acres of property for industrial/commercial development. With the construction of Eastern Iowa Community College's Career & Technical Center (CTC), which will be operational in fall of 2023, in the existing Crossroads Business Park (CBP), there will only be 14 acres left for development in the CBP. The proposed extension will provide easier access to the new CTC. Additionally, the proposed project will create an additional access point for the CBP, which will not only increase the ability for public safety to serve the park, but also will create additional efficiencies for the existing business and industries in the CBP. This project is estimated to cost \$4.4 million. The purpose of the project is to expand the City's Industrial Park and to create additional industrial and manufacturing jobs in the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will leverage the investment of the City of DeWitt, the Eastern Iowa Community College District, and the State of Iowa, as well as grow a successful and established industrial Park. The Eastern Iowa Community College District will open a Career & Technical Center in September 2023, in the Crossroads Business Park. The funding for the 26,000 sq. ft. facility was made possible by strong support of district voters, with more than 70 percent voting in favor of a bond to expand career and technical training opportunities in DeWitt. The City of DeWitt, and the private, non-profit, DeWitt Chamber & Development Company, sold the property to EICC at a discounted rate to support the development of CTC in the Crossroads Business Park. The State of Iowa Department of Education also granted the EICC \$1 million for this project. The proposed East Industrial Extension will expand the industrial park and increase the job growth in this area, where EICC will provide pre-employee training and existing employee training. The new CTC serves Eastern Iowa Region; the street extension project will increase efficiency and safety for those utilizing the CTC. If approved, the proposed East Industrial Street Project will leverage funds from the Federal Government, State Government, Local Government and Community College District to support private investment in manufacturing, where there is already a successful business park. The partnership of all the entities will help grow the much-needed U.S. manufacturing sector.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
Member of Congress