

United States Senate

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The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Inouye and Chairman Murray:

As you work to prepare an omnibus appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2011, I respectfully ask that you include the following technical corrections language that will enable Wayne County, Michigan to make needed improvements to Allen Road and Van Horn Road in the City of Woodhaven. The existing Congressionally directed spending item (SAFETEA-LU earmark # 4340) is for a grade separation at Allen Road and the CN Railroad just north of Van Horn Road. Due to financial constraints, Wayne County and its partners are not able to take on the cost of constructing the grade separation.

This technical correction will allow Wayne County to use the funds to improve the roads and intersection near the crossing. Allen Road carries approximately 27,000 vehicles per day, and Van Horn carries 14,000 vehicles daily. There are also approximately 10 train crossings per day resulting in long delays and significant congestion. The requested technical correction will enable Wayne County to provide improvements to the impacted communities, addressing safety and traffic flow issues while also putting these funds to work creating jobs in Michigan.

The proposed technical correction to SAFETEA-LU Earmark No. 4340 is as follows:

- Item 4340 in the table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59) is amended by striking “Allen Road under the CN Railroad Grade Separation, Woodhaven” and inserting “Allen and Van Horn Roads, Woodhaven”.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in this request from the Committee on Appropriations.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Alison Pascale or Harold Chase of my staff at (202) 224-6221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Levin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Carl Levin