



March 26, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the **DART Cityplace Tunnel Cellular Service** project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dallas Area Rapid Transit, located at 1401 Pacific Ave, Dallas, TX 75202. The funding would be used to install continuous cellular coverage throughout the 3.36-mile tunnel beneath the Cityplace light rail station.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the system will also allow first responders and transit staff to coordinate more effectively during incidents, improving response times and situational awareness. Designed to be compatible with all major phone carriers, the project will deliver seamless, uninterrupted connectivity between stations while significantly strengthening the tunnel's overall life-safety environment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Chapter 53 of title 49 of the 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Julie E. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie E. Johnson  
Member of Congress