

January 7, 2026

Dear Senator Lankford, Senator Mullin, and Congressman Hern,

On behalf of the Tulsa Regional Chamber and the twenty-two county regional business community we represent, I respectfully request your assistance in helping secure final approval of a critical federal infrastructure grant submitted by Tulsa County and County Commissioner Kelly Dunkerley.

Tulsa County is seeking final approval of an \$8 million-plus reimbursable FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant to fund roadway and intersection improvements along Garnett Road from 91st Street to 101st Street, including the intersection at 101st Street and Garnett Road. The project would raise the intersection by approximately five feet to mitigate chronic flooding and protect this important transportation corridor from future disruptions.

The project has advanced through the required review process and is now awaiting final approval from Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. Commissioner Dunkerley has submitted a formal request to the Secretary, and members of the delegation have previously engaged on this matter, including Congressman Hern's letter dated August 13, 2025. At this stage, the final remaining step is approval of Disaster 4575 – Project 13 – Tulsa County 101st Street and Garnett Infrastructure Protection, which is currently under review for Phase 2 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant funding.

Upon approval, the project is construction-ready and can proceed immediately to bid, allowing Tulsa County to move forward on an investment that will improve public safety, protect surrounding economic activity, and strengthen regional infrastructure resilience. As a reimbursable grant, Tulsa County will advance project costs and seek reimbursement from FEMA throughout construction, demonstrating strong local commitment and responsible use of federal resources.

We respectfully request your support, individually and collectively, in encouraging final approval of this project. The Tulsa Regional Chamber stands ready to assist in any way that may be helpful as you continue your advocacy on behalf of this effort and our region.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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