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Honorable Senator White  
Honorable Senator Reeves

Honorable Representative Sparks  
Honorable Representative Terry  
Honorable Representative Baum  
Honorable Representative Rudd  
Honorable Representative Stevens

Members of the Rutherford County State Legislative Delegation,

First, I want to wish you all a Happy New Year! Also, thank you all for serving our County and the great State of Tennessee. I know the decisions you make are often, if not always, difficult. I realize that you each consider many factors, and I appreciate your willingness to put yourselves out there to make these hard choices.

Some of you have helped me personally in the past, and for that I will always be grateful. All of you have helped me professionally as Road Superintendent. Most recently, on the passing of Governor Lee's transportation plan. There have been other "one-time" infusions of revenue to our highway department over my years in this office and I can tell you firsthand, without your help, we would be so far behind it would be difficult, if not impossible, to run our department. Currently, we (Rutherford County) have 983.64 miles of roads and 168 bridges over 20 feet long that we are responsible for maintaining. Our biggest problem is inflation. Our goods and services costs have nearly doubled just in the last three years! I know this doesn't align with what we are being told inflation costs are, but I pay the bills around here and my statement is accurate. Knowing how much our costs have increased recently, I am sure other county departments are suffering the same fate. For them to maintain the current level of service on existing inventory would be a struggle to say the least. For them to be able to expand these services to cover the new growth without additional revenue just isn't realistic. Most individuals would agree that growth can and should pay its way. I think the "end user" is willing to accept the responsibility of paying their way to live here, just as our current residents have done already. Given the opportunity, I'm confident our County Mayor and County Commissioners, will be very diligent and weigh all things to keep our county moving forward in the right direction. Desirable growth, long-term sustainability, top-tier schools, police forces, and emergency services (and, of course, the best roads in the State) are what we all want: those of us that live here already and those that want to move here.

Again, thank you for your service and what you have done already. Thank you for considering my request.

Respectfully,

Greg Brooks  
Rutherford County Road Superintendent