

## Fw: Request for comment: Forbes op-ed on earmarks

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**Subject:** RE: Request for comment: Forbes op-ed on earmarks

Hello Rachel,

The following can be attributed to Rep. Franklin:

“This project request with the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is for the Reconstruction of State Road 33/Interstate 4 interchange. This is a dangerous interchange that fails to meet current safety standards in an area experiencing serious growth. It is also Polk County Transportation Planning Organization’s top requested infrastructure project. This project is uniquely expensive because a jet fuel pipeline runs between the Orlando airport and MacDill Air Force base directly through the interchange. It is a shared problem for many Florida communities and an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Ultimately, members of Congress understand the needs of our districts better than Washington bureaucrats, so I will fight for my community to alleviate this congestion safety problem for the millions of Floridians that use the I-4 corridor.”

Apologies for the delay, but I appreciate you reaching out. I hope you can still include the statement in your piece. Please let me know if we can be of any further help.

Thanks,

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