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Dear Mr. Squires:

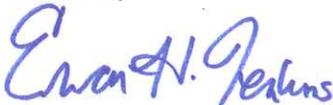
It is my understanding that the Mingo County Office of Emergency Management has contacted you in regard to a request for temporary emergency access to Norfolk Southern's property in Mingo County to build a temporary emergency road for residents of the unincorporated community of Belo.

For years, Belo residents have relied on the privately-owned Elmer Brown Bridge as the sole route in and out of their community. The bridge is now in poor condition and cannot be used by automobiles, including ambulances, fire trucks and school buses. Since the bridge is not passable, residents are forced to drive through Pigeon Creek or walk across the treacherous bridge.

Mingo County has developed plans to construct a temporary emergency road, which would require access to property owned by Norfolk Southern. This temporary road would ensure access to the community while the Elmer Brown Bridge is repaired, which will likely be a lengthy process. These residents need safe travel in and out of their community, and emergency vehicles and school buses must be able to serve the people of Belo.

Any assistance that Norfolk Southern can provide to accommodate these residents and the Mingo County Office of Emergency Management would be greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Evan Jenkins
Member of Congress

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