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July 20, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

We are fortunate that Kentucky built an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways in the 1960s and 1970s. Much of the Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways will be upgraded to become I-69. SIU5 covers approximately 75 miles and could take significant steps to being officially "shielded" with a positive result from the TIGER II grant.

Upgrading Kentucky's parkways is a bargain for the U.S. DOT. They were built with very little federal money and are part of the federal highway system. A small investment from the TIGER II grant would allow for the necessary safety and operational improvements to open the entire SIU5. This maximizing of the existing system represents a significant savings for tax payers.

I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Murray State University thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely

Heather Roy

Murray State University - Madisonville Campus Director

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Markos Family Grill 10554 State Route 56W Sturgis, KY 42459

July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

The restaurant business and our suppliers would greatly benefit from the economic development that I-69 promises to create.

Kentucky's governor and legislature recently approved more than \$50 million for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of parkways to become I-69. This strong show of state support would be greatly leveraged with a TIGER II grant.

Kentucky completed its system of fully-controlled access, four-lane parkways years ago with nominal federal funding. State residents and businesses paid for their construction with tolls. Upgrading the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways for I-69 maximizes the use of the existing system at a fraction of the cost of building an all-new "green space" highway and at a substantial savings to tax payers. The U.S. DOT has the opportunity to put SIU5 "over the top" and complete half of the total mileage of I-69 in Kentucky.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

Thank you,

Peg French Owner

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Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Allen Rudd

Trover Board of Directors

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Adult Centers for Educational Excellence

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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The I-69 project equates to economic development. Education supports workforce and economic development. Madisonville Community College thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Cris Crowley

Adult Education Director

Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties Madisonville Community College

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Governor Steve Beshear Senator Mitch McConnell Congressman Ed Whitfield

Cris Crowley, Director Telephone: 270-824-1818 Fax: 270-824-1870







July 29, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

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Thank you,

Darren Wifitesides Owner, Darren's Pub

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Sincerely

Heather Roy

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Governor Steve Beshear

TDH, Inc. dba Chi Rho Health & Wellness 114 East Main Morganfield, KY 42437

July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of Chi Rho Health & Wellness to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of I-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Chi Rho Health & Wellness is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Terry Harmon, DC Chiropractor

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Governor Steve Beshear



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July 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood:

I write this letter today on behalf of Arbuckle Insurance to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Sincerely,

Brenda J. Elliso President

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July 28, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerel

C.E. "Butch" Branson

President

Ohio Valley Marine Service, Inc.

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Henderson, KY. 42419-0212

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July 12, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U S Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69. The grant will provide operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways here in Western Kentucky. Governor Steve Beshear and the Kentucky legislature recently approved more than \$50,000,000 of taxpayer money to be spent for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of Kentucky parkways to become I-69. This strong show of state support would be greatly leveraged with a TIGER II grant.

Kentucky completed its system of fully-controlled access, four-lane parkways many years ago with minimal federal support. State residents and businesses paid for their construction with tolls. Upgrading the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways for I-69 maximizes the use of the existing system at a fraction of the cost of building an all new "green space" highway and at a substantial savings to the taxpayer. The US DOT has the opportunity to put SIU5 "over the top" and complete half of the total mileage of I-69 in Kentucky. SIU5 is an ideal candidate for the rural funding portion of the TIGER II grant program. Much of the corridor through Western Kentucky consists of economically depressed communities that need the benefits that interstate highways bring.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding. Kentucky is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II grant application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

RUDD ANSURANCE, INC

Allen Rudd

cc: Governor Steve Beshear

Senator Mitch McConnell Representative Ed Whitfield July 3/_ 2010

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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Name

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Governor Steve Beshear

Senator Mitch McConnell

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July 12, 2010

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Upgrading 3 of Kentucky's parkways (Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyrile) is a bargain for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Kentucky has been fortunate enough to have an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways for the past 40 years. They were built with very little federal money and are already part of the federal highway system. A small investment from the TIGER II grant would allow for the necessary safety and operational improvements to open the entire SIU5. This maximizing of the existing system represents a significant savings for tax payers.

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MultiCare thanks you for the U.S. Department of Transportation's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

JAT Mountjoy, MHA
Practice Administrator
MultiCare/OMHS

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Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies

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JARRETT N BROWN Agency Manager

July 20, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington D.C., 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood,

As a business professional and citizen of Madisonville/Hopkins County, I am writing this letter as a resident, a small business owner, and a community advocate to express the support of funding for the Interstate 69 development. In particular, we support Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyrile Parkway's also known as SIU5.

Kentucky completed its system of fully-controlled, four-lane parkways years ago with nominal federal funding. The construction was paid primarily by State residents and businesses by paying tolls. We are fortunate to have this vast parkway system, which when upgraded, would maximize the use of our existing parkway systems and would cost a fraction of what it would be to build an all new "green space" highway. This would prove to be a substantial savings for our tax payers.

SIU5 is an ideal candidate for the "rural" funding portion of the TIGER II grant program. Much of the corridor through Western Kentucky consists of areas that have great economic potential and are in need of benefits that Interstates bring. Kentucky is centrally located along the entire seven-state I-69 corridor and would enhance the intermodal regional possibilities that include several major river ports and airports.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with state funding and the hiring of a full-time project manager. Our state is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application. Your attention to Kentucky's TIGER II grant application is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Jarrett N. Brown, Agency Manager

Kentucky Farm Bureau

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July 19, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-001

Secretary LaHood,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my community and as an involved member of my local Chamber of Commerce. I would like to express my support for funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways. These upgrades are necessary along the Segment of Independent Utility 5.

We are fortunate to have an existing parkway system which could be maximized with these safety and operational improvements to become I-69. Upgrades to the Western Kentucky and Pennyrile Parkways are an efficient way to complete the 75 mile SIU5 from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. A study is currently underway on SIU6 which will consist of upgrades to the Purchase Parkway.

The SIU5 is an ideal candidate for the "rural" funding portion of the TIGER II grant program. Much of the corridor through western Kentucky consists of economically depressed communities that would benefit greatly from the traffic and commerce the interstates could bring. Kentucky is centrally located along the entire seven-state I-69 corridor. The route will enhance the inter-modal regional possibilities that include several major river ports and airports. On a national level, I-69 means economic development:

- 17 of the nation's top 25 seaports will be directly connected to I-69
- 15 of the nation's top 25 air cargo ports will be connected to I-69
- Studies show a potential return of \$1.63 for every dollar invested to I-69.
- From Indianapolis to Houston, I-69 will create over 25,000 jobs, add \$11 billion in wages and produce \$19 billion in value added through 2025. In these economic times, that is huge for any community, but for a rural economically depressed area that is even more substantial.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown their commitment to I-69, with some road upgrades, additional state funds, and hiring of a full-time project manager and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application. Your attention to and support of our grant is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Mary Ann King
Executive Director--Hopkins County Community Clinic
Executive Committee-Madisonville Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce



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Thank you.

Barry Hardison, M.D. Trover Board of Directors

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Tim Britt, Agent

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July 15, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Sincerely,

Tim Britt, Agent

State Farm Insurance

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Governor Steve Beshear Senator Jim Bunning Senator Mitch McConnell Congressman Ed Whitfield



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Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter on behalf of my company to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

We are indeed fortunate to have Kentucky's vast parkway system which allows the existing system to be maximized with safety and operational improvements to become I-69. Upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways is a logical way to complete the 75-mile SIU5 from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. A scoping study is currently underway on SIU6 which will consist of upgrades to the Purchase Parkway.

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Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

David J. Lång

Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer

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July 9, 2010

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Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Melissa Recke

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July 31, 2010

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Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

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Thomas -

Larry/Carmon

Owner '

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Thank you,

E. Berton Whitaker President and CEO

Copies: Governor Steve Beshear



Of West Kentucky

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August 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of United Community Bank to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of I-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. United Community Bank is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Tammy Belt

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United Community Bank tbelt@ucbwest.com

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Linda Q. Zellich *Deputy Superintendent*



July 16, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U. S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood:

I am writing on behalf of the Hopkins County School System and the future of the district's seven thousand students to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

Interstate 69's multistate corridor offers the hope of significant economic development in numerous states. Kentucky, like many of the other states is hungry for economic development. The utilization of existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways, SIU5 consists of approximately seventy five miles of upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This choice will save the tax payer hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

Interstate 69 will bring economic development and recovery to many states that are desperate for some positive economic news. Seventeen of the nation's top twenty-five seaports will be directly connected to I-69. Fifteen of the nation's top twenty-five air cargo airports will be directly accessible to I-69. The results of studies indicate that for every invested dollar a return of \$1.63 can be expected. From Houston to Indianapolis, I-69 will create 27, 000 jobs, add eleven billion in wages and produce nineteen billion in value added dollars through 2025. Additionally, there are more than ten million people living below the poverty level in these seven I-69 states. As I mentioned earlier, we need to consider the future of these states and their children.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Hopkins County Schools is excited by the impact that this project could have upon our children, their families and our community. We are looking forward to the completion of a portion of this vital project in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Linda Q. Zellich

Deputy Superintendent

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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Sara Spencer

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July 20, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I strongly encourage you to consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

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Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them to I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers. Projects of this nature not only represent a large tax savings, but add greatly to the infrastructure of the region which in turn will bring businesses and jobs to our area.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely, Kenneth E. allen

Vice President Operations Armstrong Coal Company

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July 12, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write this letter on behalf of my company to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

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Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Kimberly Simon

Business Administration Program Coordinator

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July 16, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter on behalf of my company, People Plus, Inc., to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

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Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact Paducah me at 270-825-8939 with any questions.

Thank you

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U.S. Department of Transportation Washington, D.C.

Re: TIGER II Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

Transportation is the lifeblood of our economy. Our interstate highway system has made our economy stronger and more vibrant over the past 50 years and has proven to be the best investment our country has ever made.

Part of that system is I-69 which has never been completed. The need for the project has never been questioned; it just could not get the political support to move the project to completion. Not only does I-69 provide an important link between Canada and Mexico it provides critical transportation routes between U.S. cities and it provides improved access for our military assets at installations such as Ft. Campbell.

The routing through Western Kentucky will be highly cost effective by 1095 Nebo Road using the current parkway system. It will also provide an important Madisonville, KY 42431 economic boost to an area that has suffered economically for the past 20 Henderson years.

I urge the I-69 project be a top priority with your Tiger II Grant Program.

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Sincerely,

Ron Sanders President



Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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As a small business owner and resident in an area which would be greatly served by this project, we thank you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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July 15, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter on behalf of the Madisonville-Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

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Your attention to Kentucky's 1-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Debby Myers



July 7, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

On behalf of the board of directors of the Madisonville-Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce, I write this letter to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Our Chamber and our communities are excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years, so that we can begin to realize the profound impact that this project will have on continued economic development.

Sincerely

Harriett Whitaker, President

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Muhlenberg Community Hospital

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July 14, 2010

Mr. Ray LaHood Transportation Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the Chief Executive Officer of a 135-bed acute care hospital in Muhlenberg County in western Kentucky. I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky. This infrastructure will be very beneficial to my community.

We are fortunate that Kentucky built an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways in the 1960s and 1970s. Much of the Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways will be upgraded to become I-69. SIU5 covers approximately 75 miles and could take significant steps to being officially "shielded" with a positive result from the TIGER II grant.

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We at Muhlenberg Community Hospital thank you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Tracy P. Byers, FACHE Chief Executive Officer

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Hopkins County Tourist and Convention Commission

July 7, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to compete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

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Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements upgrade them to I-69 status represents a major savings for taxpayers.

Thank you for your full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Tricia Noel

Executive Director

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July 7, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

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Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

Thank you,

Rick Welch, Publisher

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July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

I-69 would be of great benefit to our firm, a regional CPA firm, and to our clientele, the majority being small businesses in Western Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

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Thank you,

Malcolm Neel, II, CPA

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Partner

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Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely

Mark/Fitzmaurice, MD_____ Trover Board of Directors

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July 28, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter on behalf of the Henderson Country Tourist Commission to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

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Thank you,

Marcia Eblen
Executive Director

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August 6, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of Huff Integrated Systems, LLC to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Sincerely,

Glenda Huff President

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July 29, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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Very truly yours,

FINE & HATFIELD A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

By:

H. Linwood Shannon, III

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Thank you

Trover Board of Directors

Dianne Goodale.

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August 5, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Thank you,

Bonnie Schrock Vice President

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Floyd's Supermarket, Inc. PO Box 1286 Uniontown, KY 42461

July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Floyd's Supermarket, Inc. is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Floyd

Owner

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Muhlenberg County Department of Health

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July 20, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely, Betty Hendries. LN, BEN

Betty Hendrix, RN, BSN

Senior Community Health Educator

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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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William Corum

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July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of Neel, Crafton, & Phillips, LLP to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Neel, Crafton, & Phillips, LLP is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely.

S. Ryan Phillips, CPA, CVA

Partner

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Floyd's Supermarket, Inc. PO Box 1286 Uniontown, KY 42461

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Sincerely,

Jerri Floyd Owner

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LMP Investors, LLC 111 South Morgan Street Morganfield, KY 42437 (270) 389-9488

July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

I-69 would encourage economic growth in our county. Our small company invests in local commercial and residential real estate. Economic growth would benefit LMP Investors LLC. We could continue constructing and renovating real estate. We could create new jobs and issue new contracts to our local carpenters, plumbers, and electricians.

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Thank you,

Stephen Loxley

Partner

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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Title '

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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of Trover Health System to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Sincerely,

James Miner

Trover Health System

Chairman

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July 26, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Please support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I know many times government doesn't operate in the most efficient ways....but this is truly a bargain for the DOT. KY parkways were built with very little federal money and are part of the federal highway system. A small investment from the TIGER II grant would allow for the necessary safety and operational improvements to open the entire SIU5 with a relatively small amount of funding. This represents a significant savings for tax payers.

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THANK YOU for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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July 27, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Pamela J. Schneider

Human Resource Manager

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July 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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Thank you

David L. Richey

President

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July <u>31</u>, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Ron Molton
Name
Title Paston, First Baptist Church

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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely.

Mark Eastin, III

Trover Board of Directors

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Governor Steve Beshear

July 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Ross Richey President

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July 22, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

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Madisonville Community College thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Judith L. Rholds, Ed.D

President







July 12, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

It is my honor to write to you on behalf of my community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I urge your support of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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I-69 is strongly supported in Kentucky. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

I thank you and Muhlenberg County thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

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Sincerely,

Joe Ben Tucker

President.



UniFirst Corporation 2801 UniFirst Drive Owensboro, KY 42301 Phone: 270-683-5250

August 11, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

UniFirst Corporation's Owensboro, KY distribution center serves over 225,000 customers across North America. It opened in 1998 and is a flagship facility for our Wilmington, MA-based company. As the central distribution point to service our 202 UniFirst facilities in 40 states, obviously, ground transportation is important to our logistics, and I write this letter to indicate our strong support for the TIGER II grant application to assist with the development of Interstate 69 in Kentucky.

Many business and community leaders in our region have worked hard to promote Interstate 69 and it has gathered strong state support in the past two years. Kentucky's transportation cabinet hired a full-time director in 2009 to oversee the project, and our General Assembly and Governor Steve Beshear recently approved a new state road plan that includes eight separate I-69 projects totaling more than \$50 million over the next two years. Indeed, we have momentum.

It is my understanding that one of three segments I-69 segments through Kentucky could be completed with a favorable TIGER II grant. I'm further told this segment includes more than half of the total route through Kentucky. I urge you to consider this request to move this valuable project forward in a major way. Certainly, business and industry like UniFirst stand to benefit from the increased access to our markets and customers through I-69 access. Upgrading the existing Kentucky four-lane parkways to become I-69 also saves tax dollars.

Thank you for your attention to the KYTC TIGER II grant application for I-69.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Northern Blazar General Manager, Distribution

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Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Robert Brooks

Vice President, Education and Research

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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

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Randall Powell

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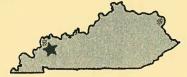
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July 28, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

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The Morganfield Chamber of Commerce is 100 percent in favor of the grant application. Our members remain convinced that the completion of I-69 will be in the best interest of our economic growth.

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Thank you,

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Tammy Belt President

Morganfield, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

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July 3/, 2010

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Sincerely,

Name Polert & Hatcher gr.
Title Providen bions Club Vice President

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August 4, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter on behalf of the Purchase Area Regional Industrial Authority, a 2200 acre industrial park that is a Certified Mega Site. We wish to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development and for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application.

We are fortunate to have Western Kentucky's parkway system, allowing with improvements the existing system to become I69. Upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways is a logical way to complete the 75-mile SIU5 from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. Currently there is study underway on SIU6 which would consist of upgrades to the Purchase Parkway.

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Thank you for consideration of Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grant.

Sincerely.

William E. Beasley President/CEO

Copies: Governor Steve Beshear



Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter on behalf of my company to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

We are indeed fortunate to have Kentucky's vast parkway system which allows the existing system to be maximized with safety and operational improvements to become I-69. Upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways is a logical way to complete the 75-mile SIU5 from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. A scoping study is currently underway on SIU6 which will consist of upgrades to the Purchase Parkway.

SIU5 in an ideal candidate for the "rural" funding portion of the TIGER II grant program. Much of the corridor through western Kentucky consists of economically depressed communities that need the benefits that Interstates bring. Indeed, Kentucky is centrally located along the entire seven-state I-69 corridor. The route will enhance the intermodal regional possibilities that include several major river ports and airports. On a national level, I-69 means economic development:

- Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports will be directly connected to Interstate 69.
- Fifteen of the nation's top 25 air cargo airports will be directly accessible to I-69.
- Studies show I-69 will return \$1.63 for every dollar invested.
- From Houston to Indianapolis, I-69 will create 27,000 jobs, add \$11 billion in wages and produce \$19 billion in value added through 2025.
- There are more than 10.5 million people living below the poverty level in the seven I-69 states.

Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Bhaskaran Sreekumar, M.D. Trover Board of Directors

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August 2, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

On behalf of the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce and its 285 business members, we urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

l-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of l-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5. We realize the importance of completing that before we can proceed with SIU 4 which runs down the Purchase Parkway through our county.

l-69 equates to economic development. Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports will be directly connected to Interstate 69. Fifteen of the nation's top 25 air cargo airports will be directly accessible to 1-69. Studies show 1-69 will return \$1.63 for every dollar invested. From Houston to Indianapolis, 1-69 will create 27,000 jobs, add \$11 billion in wages and produce \$19 billion in value added through 2025. Additionally, there are more than 10.5 million people living below the poverty level in the seven 1-69 states.

The Marshall County Chamber of Commerce thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Debbie Buchanan

Debbie Buchanan

Executive Administrator

Copies:



Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of Trover Health System to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of I-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. [company/organization name] is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Judith I). Rhoads, Ed.D
Trover Board of Directors

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Governor Steve Beshear Senator Mitch McConnell

Congressman Ed Whitfield

July 3/, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

We are fortunate that Kentucky built an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways in the 1960s and 1970s. Much of the Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways will be upgraded to become I-69. SIU5 covers approximately 75 miles and could take significant steps to being officially "shielded" with a positive result from the TIGER II grant.

Upgrading Kentucky's parkways is a bargain for the U.S. DOT. They were built with very little federal money and are part of the federal highway system. A small investment from the TIGER II grant would allow for the necessary safety and operational improvements to open the entire SIU5. This maximizing of the existing system represents a significant savings for tax payers.

I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Wilde McChesney

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ALPS Always Low Prices Store 1360 US Highway 60W Morganfield, KY 42437

July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

Our suppliers are located in Nashville, TN and St. Louis, MO. 1-69 will expedite delivery of our inventory.

Kentucky's governor and legislature recently approved more than \$50 million for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of parkways to become I-69. This strong show of state support would be greatly leveraged with a TIGER II grant.

Kentucky completed its system of fully-controlled access, four-lane parkways years ago with nominal federal funding. State residents and businesses paid for their construction with tolls. Upgrading the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways for I-69 maximizes the use of the existing system at a fraction of the cost of building an all-new "green space" highway and at a substantial savings to tax payers. The U.S. DOT has the opportunity to put SIU5 "over the top" and complete half of the total mileage of I-69 in Kentucky.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

Thank you,

Mike Floyd Shareholder

Copies:



August 2, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of <u>the Ballard County Chamber of Commerce</u> to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of I-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. The Ballard County Chamber of Commerce is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Beth Ann Hunt Executive Director

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July <u>30</u>, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

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Governor Steve Beshear Senator Mitch McConnell

Congressman Ed Whitfield

Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce PO Box 331 Bardwell, Kentucky 42023

August 4, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of the Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of I-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. The Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Bruce Akin President Carlisle County

Chamber of Commerce

Copies: Governor Steve Beshear



Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

We are fortunate that Kentucky built an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways in the 1960s and 1970s. Much of the Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways will be upgraded to become I-69. SIU5 covers approximately 75 miles and could take significant steps to being officially "shielded" with a positive result from the TIGER II grant.

Upgrading Kentucky's parkways is a bargain for the U.S. DOT. They were built with very little federal money and are part of the federal highway system. A small investment from the TIGER II grant would allow for the necessary safety and operational improvements to open the entire SIU5. This maximizing of the existing system represents a significant savings for tax payers.

I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Stacey Beaven, RN, BSH, MSHA, NA-BC

Vice President, Nursing

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July 28, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

Kentucky's governor and legislature recently approved more than \$50 million for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of parkways to become I-69. This strong show of state support would be greatly leveraged with a TIGER II grant.

Kentucky completed its system of fully-controlled access, four-lane parkways years ago with nominal federal funding. State residents and businesses paid for their construction with tolls. Upgrading the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways for I-69 maximizes the use of the existing system at a fraction of the cost of building an all-new "green space" highway and at a substantial savings to tax payers. The U.S. DOT has the opportunity to put SIU5 "over the top" and complete half of the total mileage of I-69 in Kentucky.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce fully endorses the TIGER II grant application and the Chamber is convinced I-69 will benefit our local and regional economies.

Thank you,

Sandy Arnold President

Sturgis, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

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Governor Steve Beshear Senator Mitch McConnell Congressman Ed Whitfield

513 N Main Street P O Box 125 Sturgis, KY 42459



LYON COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION 301 KNOB STREET EDDYVILLE, KY 42038 270-388-2158

August 2, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

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Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

Thank you,

Matalle Tahor-Peek

Coordinator, Lyon County Adult Education

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July 7th, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

Kentucky's governor and legislature recently approved more than \$50 million for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of parkways to become I-69. This strong show of state support would be greatly leveraged with a TIGER II grant.

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Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

Sincerely,

ohn Zieba

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July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways.

The farming industry and our suppliers will greatly benefit from the economic development that I-69 promises to create.

Kentucky's governor and legislature recently approved more than \$50 million for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of parkways to become I-69. This strong show of state support would be greatly leveraged with a TIGER II grant.

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Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

Thank you,

Mary C. Steward
Cathy Steward

Owner

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Senator Mitch McConnell Congressman Ed Whitfield Interstate Petroleum
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July 27, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways.

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Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

Thank you,

Janet Hortin, CHA Regional Manager

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

loseoth R. Miller

Vice President, Strategic Planning and Marketing

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Brad Morris Painting 2176 Persimmon Ridge Road Morganfield, KY 42437

July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of Brad Morris Painting to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of I-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Brad Morris Painting is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Amy Morris Co-owner

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Muhlenberg Career Development Center

3875 State Route Hwy 181 N Greenville, KY 42345 Phone: (270) 338-5460 Fax: (270) 338-3615

July 14, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

This letter is to show support for the section of I-69 that will be running through the state of Kentucky.

We are fortunate that Kentucky built an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways in the 1960s and 1970s. Much of the Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways will be upgraded to become I-69. SIU5 covers approximately 75 miles and could take significant steps to being officially "shielded" with a positive result from the TIGER II grant.

Upgrading Kentucky's parkways is a bargain for the United States Department of Transportation. They were built with very little federal money and are part of the federal highway system. A small investment from the TIGER II grant would allow for the necessary safety and operational improvements to open the entire SIU5. This maximizing of the existing system represents a significant savings for tax payers.

I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development. Chambers of Commerce and Kentucky employers all feel having I-69 run through Kentucky would be an economic boost to our economy.

The Muhlenberg Career Development Center supports the United States Department of Transportation's intention of running a portion of I-69 through Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Business & Community Liaison

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Hill

Trover Health System

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July 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

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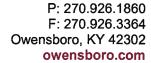
Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Evan L. Beck Owner

cc:





August 5, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

I write to you today to express how important the development of Interstate 69 through Western Kentucky is to business, industry and citizens alike. Our Chamber of Commerce has promoted the development of the corridor for several years because it would bring the economic development advantages associated with the Interstate system to within 20 miles of our city.

Therefore, the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's application for a TIGER II grant for SIU5 of I-69 in western Kentucky.

This is an opportunity for the U.S. DOT to make a grant that will put a project "over the top" to completion. Most of I-69 through Kentucky involves upgrading existing four-lane, access-controlled parkways such as the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways that comprise SIU5. Indeed, having SIU5's 70+ miles officially "shielded" as I-69 would be a huge leap forward for this important seven-state corridor. KYTC's application is a great example of maximizing existing highways.

There is significant activity to move I-69 forward. A scoping study is currently underway on SIU6 in southwestern Kentucky. In 2009, the state legislature approved a measure to build Ohio River "megaproject" bridges between Kentucky and Indiana with alternative financing. The I-69 bridge (SIU4) is covered by the bill. In May, the legislature approved a new road plan that includes \$50+ for I-69, much of it on SIU5.

At the same time, both Indiana and Tennessee are moving forward boldly with I-69 SIUs to the north and south of Kentucky.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grant application. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerel

Jody Wassmer President



July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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Thank you,

Kim Ashby, CPA

Vice President, Finance

Kim ashby

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Governor Steve Beshear Senator Mitch McConnell

Congressman Ed Whitfield

Gary Carver State Farm Insurance 1211 W. Everly Bros. Blvd. Central City, Kentucky 42330 270-754-2925

July 16, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Name Gary Carver

Title - Agent

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July 28, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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Thank you,

Mike Freels

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Binary IT Solutions 300 First Street Henderson, KY 42419

July 31, 2010

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Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of Binary IT Solutions to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Binary IT Solutions is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

S. Ryan Phillips

Co-owner

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230 Second Street, Suite 320 Henderson, KY 42420 August 4, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of the Henderson-Henderson County Chamber of Commerce to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Sincerely,

Brad Schneider President

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August 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of the Greater Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Sincerely,

Janet Meeks President

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August 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter on behalf of my company to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

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Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Lynn M. King Regional Director

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

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Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

G. Ruffin Chandler, Jr. Trover Board of Directors

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July 13, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of the Muhlenberg County School District to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. The Muhlenberg County School District is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

R. Dale Todd Superintendent

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Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Kent T. Mills Market President



July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. [company/organization name] is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

C. Thomas Moore, FACHE Senior Vice President and CFO

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July 22, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

We urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Fauntleroy Supply, Inc., thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely

an fles Joey Steele General Manager Fauntleroy Supply, Inc. 820 N. Main Street Greenville, KY 42345

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Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

RE: KYDOT TIGER II Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance Board of Directors, I wish to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development and, in particular, for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II Grant application for parkway upgrades to SIU 5 of Interstate 69.

Respectfully,

Chair of the Board

cc: Governor Steve Beshear
Senator Mitch McConnell
Senator Jim Bunning
Congressman Ed Whitfield



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July 14, 2010

Mr. Ray LaHood Transportation Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the Chief Executive Officer of a 135-bed acute care hospital in Muhlenberg County in western Kentucky. I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky. This infrastructure will be very beneficial to my community.

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We at Muhlenberg Community Hospital thank you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Tracy P. Byers, FACHE Chief Executive Officer

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U-Chip'N, Inc. 111 South Morgan Street Morganfield, KY 42437

July 31, 2010

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U-Chip'N, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that repairs homes for poverty level individuals, the handicap, and the elderly. Our funding is generated by donations from local businesses and individuals. Visiting our applicants, we see firsthand the need for economic development in Western Kentucky.

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Thank you.

Ryan Phillips Board Chairman

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August 10,2010

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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely

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August 6, 2010

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Thank you,

Darrel Huff President

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July 15, 2010

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Thank you for your consideration.

Brenda Hamilton, CEO and staff of Parkway Regional Hospital

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July 15, 2010

Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

RE: KYDOT TIGER II Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Paducah / McCracken County community, we wish to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development nationwide and, in particular, for Kentucky's recent TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility (SIU) 5.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II Grant application for parkway upgrades to SIU 5 of Interstate 69

Sincerely,

Helen Sims, Board Chair

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Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce

Mayor William F. Paxton

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