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The Honorable Raymond LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Tiger III grant application. This important project will allow KYTC to make needed upgrades to the Julian Carroll-Purchase Parkway from I-24 to US 45 in Mayfield, Kentucky, thus allowing the existing Parkway to be signed as I-69. This will enable us to complete another major step in making I-69 a reality.

Recently, it was announced that the 38 mile section of the Wendell Ford-West Kentucky Parkway will soon bear the I-69 shields. This entire section is located in the Pennyriple region and I am happy to support the efforts of those in the Purchase Area.

The completion of Interstate 69 is crucial to the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky and the economic survival of us in West Kentucky. We in the Pennyriple Region strongly support the efforts of KYTC in obtaining the Tiger III grant and making these vital upgrades.

I offer the U.S. Department of Transportation my thanks for consideration of this very worthy application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Brock Thomas
Judge Executive

cc: Jim LeFevre, KYTC, Chief District Engineer District 1