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Office of the Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Elaine Chao:

We write in support of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho and Idaho Transportation Department's *Interstate 84, Caldwell to Nampa: Connectivity. Prosperity. Safety.* grant application. The Interstate 84 corridor is of key importance to the local, regional, and national transportation systems. Over \$80 billion worth of freight travels on Interstate 84 in Canyon and Ada Counties every year. Interstate 84 is a freight corridor of national significance, yet frequent high congestion is hindering effectiveness.

The Idaho Transportation Department, through the Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) program and state funds, has invested more than \$650 million on Interstate 84 in the Treasure Valley, primarily in Ada County. The remaining work needed in Canyon County is crucial. We are told these improvements in the Nampa segment between Franklin Road Interchange and Karcher Interchange will include widening to three lanes in each direction, replacement and extension of six canal and lateral crossings, and safety improvements and reconstruction of the I-84 bridges over Linden Road, improving overall efficiency.

We understand that this investment will reduce congestion and increase safety, ensuring reliable and safe access for manufacturers, agriculture producers, and hundreds of industries needing to reach national and international markets. The proposed project will also enhance the resiliency of critical highway infrastructure

and help protect the environment through congestion reduction and decreased emissions. These improvements would serve commuters, as well as local and regional commerce.

We urge the US Department of Transportation to give this application all due consideration.

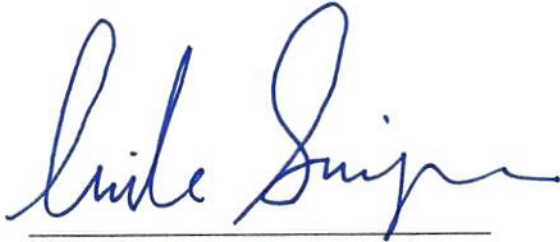
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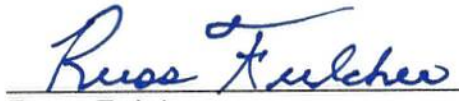
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