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The Honorable Tom Latham United States Representative 2217 Rayburn Building Washington, D.C. 20515-1505

Dear Congressman Latham:

I am requesting your support for special funding for a priority transportation project located in your district, the construction of a new interchange at the intersection of U.S. 30 and County Road S14 in Nevada, Iowa.

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) believes this project is worthy of additional funding which would help ensure its timely completion and provide a more immediate benefit to the traveling public.

This project has been developed in accordance with all federal requirements pertaining to providing the public the opportunity to comment on the project.

The U.S. Highway 30 corridor through Iowa is a key east-west highway for intrastate and interstate commerce. It is part of the National Highway System and a major arterial roadway on the statewide Commercial and Industrial Highway Network (CIN).

Eighty percent of the overall project costs will be covered by federal highway program (NHS and STP) funds and high priority project funds, should they be made available, with the 20 percent balance of the cost coming from state highways funds.

Should you have any questions or need additional information about this project, please contact me.

Sincerely.

Nancy J. Richardson

Director