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Dear President Geoffroy:

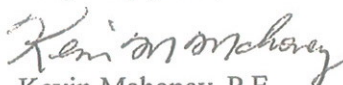
On behalf of the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), I am writing to express support for the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center (National CP Tech Center or Center) at Iowa State University. The positive impact of the Center on the concrete paving industry is of direct value nationally and to the Iowa DOT as well as Iowa's cities and counties.

The National CP Tech Center's programmatic approach to identifying research needs in addition to its collaborative efforts with public highway agencies and industry have resulted in the development of the Concrete Pavement Roadmap (Roadmap). The Roadmap incorporates concepts leading to research projects, technology transfer and implementation of findings. It has also been instrumental in the Iowa DOT's review and implementation of new materials, construction equipment, testing and methods, project specifications and requirements, and ability to meet the ever-increasing expectations of the public.

The National CP Tech Center, in partnership with the Iowa DOT, is the administrative leader for several multi-state, multi-agency, pooled-fund research projects. The inclusion of industry through the Center is a unique component of this process, leveraging partner time, expertise, funding, and collaboration.

The Iowa DOT has utilized numerous products from the National CP Tech Center, including research results, reference manuals, training and workshops, and guide specifications that improve the quality of Iowa's concrete pavements; identify alternative materials; and provide Iowa's travelling public with economical, sustainable and renewable product. The National CP Tech Center has assisted the Iowa DOT and others nationally in incorporating research results into several demonstration construction projects and is moving the concrete pavement industry toward the cutting-edge of knowledge and technological advancement. The Center's impact on science and research applications continues making a difference to the Iowa DOT. We look forward to continuing our relationship in the future.

Very truly yours,


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