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Mr. Secretary:

I want to take the time to write you today concerning the Ohio River Bridges Project in Louisville and Southern Indiana. I have previously discussed the issue extensively by telephone with Under Secretary for Policy Roy Kienitz of your office.

I understand the project team has finalized its "Time of Day" study, the results of the study are being analyzed, and the project will soon head into an important public hearing phase. As the public hearing phase begins, I urge you to take into account the varied views of project stakeholders.

Several business leaders and the State of Indiana rightly point out the important and positive economic development this project is likely to spur, especially at the River Ridge Commerce Center located in Jeffersonville, Indiana. I fully believe that this project is critical to the long-term economic health of Southern Indiana and the Louisville Metro region.

A number of my constituents also have legitimate concerns about the financing of the project. I appreciate these concerns as much as the potential for economic growth, and I hope that you and the project team will give them the serious consideration they are due.

In the end, I trust that you and the project team will arrive at a solution that is fair and equitable to all interested parties, and be respectful of the concerns each party brings to the table. Of course, I am hopeful that this can be accomplished in a manner which allows the project to continue to move forward on its current schedule. While I realize that this issue largely falls outside of legislative responsibility, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rep. Todd Young
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