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Mr. Robert Spurlock
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Dear Mr. Spurlock,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write in support of ongoing efforts to complete and extend the congressionally authorized East-West TransAmerica Corridor.

Since it was first added to the federal High Priority Corridor List in 1991, I have worked to support preliminary construction projects that would pave the way for the future I-66 in Kentucky. Most recently, I have secured two Community Project Funding requests totaling \$82 million for construction of the Northern Bypass in Somerset, which would build a primary connection (I-365) for the future interstate in southern Kentucky, ultimately linking I-65 to I-75.

Transportation access is a driving force for economic development and industrial recruitment in rural America. That's why I have continued collaborative efforts with federal colleagues, state legislators and transportation officials to implement a full west to east arterial route across southern Kentucky, connecting with our neighbors for more growth and opportunity.

Monumental transportation projects, like I-66, are the seeds we plant for a brighter future in America. I am especially interested in this project, because of the generational impact it would have in one of the most impoverished areas of the country, providing unlimited opportunities for more jobs, better healthcare and education, and a direct route to boost our tourism economy in Kentucky's beautiful Appalachian region.

I look forward to working with you in the future to help spur collaboration, strategic partnerships, funding and legislation that will advance construction of the East-West TransAmerica Corridor.

Sincerely,

HAROLD "HAL" ROGERS
Dean of the House