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Robert Spurlock
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Dear Mr. Spurlock:

I am pleased to express my support for the continued planning and development of the East-West TransAmerica Corridor (High Priority Corridor 3), commonly known as the Future Interstate 66 Corridor, and for the efforts of TransAmerica Corridor, Inc. to advance this important transportation initiative.

Kansas has long played an important role in the development of the East-West TransAmerica Corridor. The federally designated corridor extends west through Missouri into southern Kansas, providing an opportunity to strengthen east-west transportation connections between Kansas communities and markets across the central and eastern United States. I support continued efforts to advance the I-66 Corridor through southern Kansas, passing through the Pittsburg and Parsons areas before continuing west along the U.S. 400 corridor toward Wichita. Improving this east-west transportation network and its potential to strengthen freight movement, agriculture, manufacturing, economic development, and access to communities throughout Kansas have long been a priority of mine.

I also support continued coordination among Kansas transportation officials, neighboring states, local communities, economic development organizations, and federal partners to determine the appropriate improvements necessary to advance the East-West TransAmerica Corridor. As planning for the corridor continues, I welcome further discussion regarding opportunities to strengthen east-west connectivity across Kansas and the corridor's role within the broader national transportation network.

Thank you for your leadership and for the work of TransAmerica Corridor, Inc., to bring communities and states together around this important transportation initiative.

Sincerely,



Derek Schmidt
Member of Congress