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The Honorable Steve Chabot
Ohio Congressional District 1
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Chabot:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) supports the request for a congressional earmark for the project to construct the northern portion of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project (HAM-75-1.95, PID 114161). Ohio relies heavily on the transportation system for a healthy economy, while also supporting the national movement of goods. Investments in transportation infrastructure, particularly in Ohio, serve the Nation's interest in a strong economy.

The project will include the reconstruction of I-75 from Findlay St. to just south of Marshall Ave. This is the northern end of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project. The project includes the construction of a new interchange on I-75 to connect to the new Western Hills Viaduct (WHV). The WHV project is being developed by the City of Cincinnati. The project is of vital importance to the citizens of Ohio because it will; improve traffic flow and level of service, improve safety, correct geometric deficiencies, and maintain links to key mobility, trade, and national defense transportation corridors.

To date, ODOT has contributed more than \$125.8 million in funding towards the development of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project. The congressional earmark request will provide the additional funding required to complete construction plans for the northern portion of the project.

ODOT expresses the willingness to carry out the project and has the ability to work with USDOT to obligate federal funds during the time period set forth under federal-aid highway requirements.

Consideration of this project will ensure this important asset continues to serve Ohio and provide a critical connection for people and goods. ODOT supports this improvement to the restoration of our communities, the prosperity of our region and state and we urge your consideration of this earmark.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Jack Marchbanks".

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