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The Honorable Representative Wenstrup
Ohio Congressional District 2
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wenstrup,

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) supports the request for a congressional earmark for the BRO-32-4.16 project (PID# 110478). 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 is of vital importance to the citizens of Ohio because it will alleviate congestion and increase safety on this road that serves as a major corridor into Cincinnati. This new diamond interchange will eliminate two at-grade intersections from this high-speed roadway and open the door for additional development in the Village of Mount Orab.

To date, ODOT has contributed just over \$4 million in funding towards the development of the BRO-32-4.16 project. The congressional earmark request will provide the additional funding required to advance this project through construction.

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,

Jack Marchbanks, Ph.D., Director