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The Honorable David Valadao
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Valadao:

This letter is regarding the Fresno Council of Government (FCOG) and Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) Member Designated Project submittal for the State Route (SR) 41 Excelsior Corridor Project.

Working in partnership with FCOG and FCTA, 16 miles of the four-lane expressway was completed on SR 41 from south of Fresno to Elkhorn Ave., approximately six miles north of the Kings County line. Due to repeated funding shortfalls over the last 15 years, a six-mile section of this highway remains as a two-lane highway.

This request would partially fund the construction phase of the project. Once additional funding is secured to fully fund construction, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as the implementing agency, confirms that it would be willing and able to deliver this project. Caltrans is currently working on pre-construction activities for this project, which are fully funded. Caltrans also has accelerated a safety project, which will begin construction next month, to address head-on collisions.

Caltrans and Fresno County transportation partners have worked collaboratively over the last two decades on this project and several other projects. We are committed to addressing safety along the SR 41 corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Toks Omishakin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Director

c: Tony Boren, Executive Director, Fresno Council of Governments
Mike Leonardo, Executive Director, Fresno County Transportation Authority