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December 4, 2014

Mr. Richard W. Graf, President
Lakemoor Hills Homeowners Association
3505 Bluff Point Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee 37920

Dear Mr. Graf:

Thank you for your letter dated November 20, 2014 concerning postponement of federal funds for the construction phase of Alcoa Highway (SR-115), from Maloney Road to Woodson Drive.

As you know, by your review of my October 24, 2014 letter to the Tennessee General Assembly, the department identified over thirty projects across the state that had to be delayed because of the uncertainty of funding in the federal highway program. It is unfortunate we had to take this action because each of the projects on the list was critical to our local government partners, citizen groups such as yours, and the traveling public. This continuing piecemeal approach of federal highway funding by Congress hampers our efforts to develop both a short and long term financial plan for delivery of highway improvements.

I would greatly appreciate your organization being a proponent of a long term funding bill and continuing your dialog with Representative Duncan. On the other hand, my assurance is given that Alcoa Highway remains a priority for the department, but additional funding is contingent upon passage of highway legislation by Congress.

Thank you for your interest in Alcoa Highway and our transportation network. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Paul Degges, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer, at (615) 741-0791 or by email at Paul.Degges@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

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John C. Schroer
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cc: Mr. Paul Degges, W/Attach.

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Mr. Richard W. Graf
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Dear Mr. ~~Graf~~:

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Thank you for taking the time to contact me in support of a long-term highway bill. I always appreciate hearing from those whom I represent in the Congress.

I agree with you 100 percent. I think we need a long-term highway bill which will help reduce congestion, create jobs, and improve highway safety.

You may be interested to know that I recently signed a letter, along with a number of my Colleagues, to Speaker Boehner urging him to bring up a multi-year highway bill as soon as possible in the next Congress.

I wish that we could have passed a bill before the last one expired. However, we did pass legislation that will keep the highway programs operating until May of next year. This should give the Congress time to develop legislation that will keep the highway programs operating for multiple years.

We were able to pass legislation earlier this Congress to authorize water infrastructure projects in a bipartisan manner. I believe we should use this bill as a model for the next highway bill.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me about this issue. If I can be of further assistance to you, your family or friends, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmy", written over the printed name.

JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
Member of Congress

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