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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Columbia-Adair County Economic Development Authority, Inc. I would like to assure you of our continued support of the Heartland Parkway.....a project starting at the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Parkway in Columbia, Kentucky, extending to Campbellsville, Lebanon, Springfield and connecting to the Bluegrass Parkway.

The Heartland Parkway would allow growth to each community and would become a major alternative to north-south travelers between the 1-65 and 1-75 corridors. It would also improve regional access for economic development, existing industry, truck access, tourism, higher education, and agricultural economy.

In addition it would improve safety, highway capacity in certain locations, decrease delays through the communities and improve emergency response times.

Our area would be more competitive in attracting new industries and businesses, creating more jobs and retaining the ones we have..... bring more tourists to our beautiful landscapes, lakes, rivers and attractions..... and making our area more attractive for student recruitment for the three major schools of higher educationLindsey Wilson College, Campbellsville University and St. Catherine College....and attracting retirees to our communities.

These are only a few reasons why the Heartland Parkway would be a major asset and have a great impact on each of our communities.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, Lie C. Stivers

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Executive Director