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The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
US House of Representatives
2350 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515-0550

Dear Congressman Cunningham,

Thank you for your efforts to secure funding for the State Route 56 connector ramps at Interstate 5. Completion of SR-56 is long overdue and we appreciate your leadership in fighting for traffic congestion relief.

BIOCOM represents over 450 companies in the life science field, employing over 32,000 San Diegans. Quality of life issues like traffic congestion seriously affect our members' ability to hire and retain good employees. As most of our member companies are located near the I-5/SR-56 merge, already the most highly impacted roads in San Diego County, completion of the connector ramps would produce a meaningful benefit for our employees.

We are eager to see this project completed. Please let us know if there is any assistance we can provide you as you seek funding for the connector ramps.

Thank you again for your leadership and hard work on this issue. We sincerely appreciate your efforts to improve the quality of life of our employees and make it easier to do business in San Diego.

Sincerely,



Joe Panetta
President and CEO