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The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Cunningham:

As a San Diego-based company with an office in Carmel Valley, we would like to urge your support in securing the funding needed for prompt completion of the two missing connectors between State Route 56 (SR56) and Interstate 5 (I-5). The completion of these connectors in Carmel Valley is critical to improving traffic flow in the Carmel Valley region and is especially important to those of us who operate businesses and live in this community.

Once completed, SR-56 will create an invaluable link between Interstates 5 and 15. However, without the two connectors between westbound SR56/northbound I-5 and southbound I-5/eastbound SR56, motorists will continue to be forced to use (the same) local roads in Carmel Valley to access I-5 North and SR-56 East. Further, one would expect the traffic on these local roads to increase significantly once SR56 is completed as surely more motorists will begin using SR-56 once it is completed. This will result in increased surface traffic congestion; likely increases in traffic delays due to accidents; and significant additional wear-and-tear to these local roads from the increased traffic volume.

Failure to secure funding and complete this project is also expected to adversely affect San Diego's current housing shortage and at a time when the demand for new housing continues to increase at an unprecedented pace. There are approximately 6,500 housing units slated for construction in the communities adjacent to SR-56, including more than 1,000 affordable homes. However, development of these homes will be delayed until the two freeway connectors are completed. Thus, some 6,500 homes that could be made available to ease the city's housing shortage will at best be significantly delayed and at worst never built.

Securing funding for the completion of the SR-56/I-5 connectors is a top priority among local business leaders. Again, we strongly encourage your continued efforts to secure funds for this critical project.

Sincerely,

  
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