



January 21, 2003

Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham
613 West Valley Parkway, Suite #320
Escondido, California 92025

Dear Congressman Cunningham:

I am writing in support of federal funding for the missing north connectors at I-5 and SR 56.

JMI Reality is located in Carmel Valley in North San Diego County. Carmel Valley is a central location for businesses such as JMI and has become an important regional economic activity center. We hope to stay here for a long time.

However, traffic congestion is a major problem in our community and we need your assistance. The completion of SR 56 will help us, as will planned projects on I-5 and at the I-5/I-805 merge. What's missing, however, are the north connectors at I-5 and SR 56.

Like everyone else, we look forward to the opening of SR 56 in July 2004. We do not look forward, however, to the additional traffic that will congest our local streets due to the absence of direct freeway-to-freeway connections at SR 56 and I-5. The residents of Carmel Valley and the surrounding communities have fought for many years to have the connectors funded and constructed. We strongly support their efforts.

But traffic is not the only issue. One of the attractions of our location is the availability of existing and planned housing in the SR 56 corridor. Carmel Valley as well as the planned communities close by will provide a variety of housing and travel options for our employees. A substantial number of the planned residential units, however, cannot be built until the connectors are operational. As many as 6,500 planned homes will be delayed. That delay will force 17,000 new residents to look elsewhere for housing – to other San Diego cities, the unincorporated area of the County, Riverside County and even to Tijuana. No matter where that growth goes, additional infrastructure will be needed – more lanes on I-15, I-805, I-5, or more transit facilities or both, at far greater cost than the connectors.

We appreciate your continued leadership and commitment to our community and hope you will be able to help fund these vitally needed connectors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Black". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Charles E. Black
Executive Vice President