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The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
U.S. House of Representatives, 51st District
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Dear Congressman Cunningham:

I would like to express my support of your efforts to secure federal funding for the missing connectors at Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 56 (SR-56).

The business community in Carmel Valley is one of North San Diego County's economic bright spots and continues to flourish. However, one of the major impediments to growth in our community is increased traffic. It is critical that the missing connectors are completed to ensure additional traffic is not forced onto local streets which will negatively impact worker productivity and discourage business growth in the Carmel Valley area.

Additionally, until the connectors are completed, 6,500 planned homes – including more than 1,000 affordable homes – cannot be built without the missing SR-56 connectors in place. This will force as many as 17,000 new residents to search for housing opportunities in other parts of the City of San Diego or other locations around San Diego County or beyond. Carmel Valley's ability to grow economically is contingent upon adequate housing being provided in accordance with smart-growth planning for the region.

I want to thank you for your extensive efforts and commitment to the businesses and residents of our community in seeking funding for the SR-56 connectors, and urge your continued support of this important transportation infrastructure project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bobby Daitch", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bobby Daitch