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March 8, 2023

Honorable Mike Ezell
United States House of Representatives
443 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ezell:

I write to you today in support of the important Environmental Assessments ("EA") and Pre-Construction Engineering and Design ("PED") project for critical transportation infrastructure improvements surrounding the Eagle One Mega Site ("Eagle One") in Forrest County, Mississippi. This project will complete important prerequisite work required before the commencement of construction, particularly as it relates to improvements on and near Interstate 59 and Highways 98 and 11 that serve the site. The Interstate 59/HWY 98 interchange is a critical juncture in south Mississippi and the Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area, connecting major travel arteries, and lying adjacent to the Eagle One, which possesses perhaps the greatest potential for economic development impact in the State of Mississippi at this time. Hwy 11 is also a critical roadway, as it will host ingress/egress points for Eagle One and will see a significant increase in traffic volume as a result of planned industry at Eagle One. These essential roadways serve as major market access points such as the I-10 corridor to the south and the I-20 corridor to the north.

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- I59/HWY 98 Interchange improvements - westward expansion
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- Widening of HWY 11 to accommodate increased traffic volume from industry at Eagle One

Honorable Mike Ezell

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Sincerely,



David Hogan, President

Forrest County Board of Supervisors



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United States House of Representatives
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I write to you today in support of the important Environmental Assessments ("EA") and Pre-Construction Engineering and Design ("PED") project for critical transportation infrastructure improvements surrounding the Eagle One Mega Site ("Eagle One") in Lamar County, Mississippi. This project will complete important prerequisite work required before the commencement of construction, particularly as it relates to improvements on and near Interstate 59 and Highways 98 and 11 that serve the site. The Interstate 59/HWY 98 interchange is a critical juncture in south Mississippi and the Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area, connecting major travel arteries, and lying adjacent to the Eagle One, which possesses perhaps the greatest potential for economic development impact in the State of Mississippi at this time. Hwy 11 is also a critical roadway, as it will host ingress/egress points for Eagle One and will see a significant increase in traffic volume as a result of planned industry at Eagle One. These essential roadways serve as major market access points such as the I-10 corridor to the south and the I-20 corridor to the north.

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- I59/HWY 98 Interchange improvements - westward expansion
- The extension of HWY 98 to HWY 11
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FORREST-LAMAR ALLIANCE

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David Hogan
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- 159/HWY 98 Interchange improvements - westward expansion
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Toby Barker
Mayor of Hattiesburg

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Senator John Polk

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Mississippi State Senate

SENATOR CHRIS JOHNSON

District 45

Forrest and Perry Counties

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Senator Chris Johnson



Mississippi State Senate

SENATOR JOEY FILLINGANE

District 41

Covington, Forrest, Jefferson Davis, Lamar and Smith Counties

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March 6, 2023

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Senator Joey Fillingane

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Mississippi House of Representatives



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Representative Missy McGee

Mississippi House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency
Agriculture
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REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH TUBB

District 87
Lamar County

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Washington, DC 20515

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Representative Joseph Tubb

Jeff Ely, P.E.
Chief of Staff
Charles R. Carr
Director, Office of Intermodal Planning



Brian D. Ratliff, P.E.
Deputy Executive Director/Chief Engineer
Lisa M. Hancock, CPA
Deputy Executive Director/Administration

Brad White
Executive Director

March 9, 2023

The Honorable Mike Ezell
United States House of Representatives
443 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: FY 2024 Community Project Funding - Forrest County Road Improvements - Environmental Assessment; Preliminary Engineering and Design

Dear Congressman Ezell:

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is aware of the FY 2024 Community Project Funding proposal to perform environmental assessment and preliminary engineering and design for certain road improvements in Forrest County, Mississippi, near the Eagle One Mega Site. This letter is to confirm:

- (1) the project is eligible for Federal-aid highway funding under title 23, United States Code;
- (2) MDOT is willing to carry out the project if federal funding is enacted and matching funds are secured; and
- (3) MDOT will include the project on the STIP once funding for the project is enacted.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brad White
Executive Director