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The Honorable John Culberson  
United States House of Representatives  
428 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

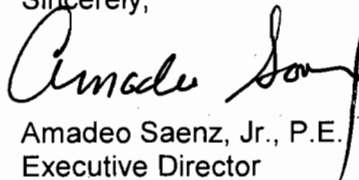
Dear Congressman Culberson:

As I am sure you are aware, in November 2007, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for I-69. Since then we have held 12 town hall meetings and 47 public hearings to encourage public dialogue. The goal of I-69 is to increase mobility, safety and economic development opportunities through a multi-use transportation system that includes roads, rails, and utilities. Preliminary studies indicate that by 2015, the daily travel demand on I-69 between Texas and Michigan will be approximately 23 million vehicle miles.

As we continue to move forward with developing I-69, an earmark of \$10 million as requested by the Alliance for I-69 Texas, would be extremely helpful to TxDOT's efforts. We respectfully request that you submit this earmark in the FY 2009 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill to further the I-69 Highway project in Texas

Thank you for your continued support of transportation issues in Texas. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-9501, or if your staff should have any questions, they may contact Robin Ayers, Congressional Liaison in the Government and Public Affairs Division at (512) 463-8345.

Sincerely,



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