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Dear Members of Congress:

As the elected representatives of the Mon Valley, we write today regarding the restoration of earmarks and the infrastructure bill that Congress is preparing. With the new appropriations earmark guidelines introduced, we are urging you to consider two important transportation projects for "Community Project Funding". These projects include the extension of the Martin Luther King East Busway and the last leg of the Mon-Fayette Expressway.

For decades, the Mon Valley has struggled with significant transportation challenges making it difficult for residents to travel from our districts to places in the Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. Travel to these locations requires constituents to rely on either congested highways or a web of transit and bus routes, which often leaves us feeling cut off from the rest of the region.

Logistically, it is less than 10 miles to travel from McKeesport to Pittsburgh but with the transportation challenges presented above this trip can take more than an hour one-way. Funding for the Martin Luther King Bus Way extension and the completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway can drastically change the transportation issues the Mon Valley has long endured and bring positive change to our region.

It is estimated that these two projects would create more than 21,000 long-term jobs, bring businesses to the Mon Valley, increase housing opportunities, reduce traffic on other roadways, and create a beltway-style link from the south to the Turnpike. Not only would these projects

allow for the movement of people or goods, but for investment in the long underserved and under resourced communities that we collectively represent. The completion of these projects will not only change the trajectory for the Mon Valley but would have a lasting impact on the entire region and all southwestern Pennsylvania.

We ask, you, as our congressional delegation to strongly consider the request for funding for the extension of the Martin Luther King East Busway and the last leg of the Mon- Fayette Expressway. We are confident that with the help from the federal government, these projects will have a beneficial impact for years to come. Please take the funding of these projects into consideration as you being to debate the potential transportation and infrastructure bill.

Sincerely,



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