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June 16, 2015

The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT SENATE BILL 16 (BEALL)

Dear Senator Beall,

On behalf of El Dorado County, I am pleased to report that our board has decided to support SB 16, which would provide much needed funding to the state and local roadway system over a period of five years to address the overwhelming backlog of preservation and maintenance.

The condition of streets and roads in the state is getting so bad that if California doesn't commit to prioritizing funding to fix them, we could be facing an infrastructure catastrophe. Without this additional funding, 25 percent of local streets and roads will be in a failed condition within 10 years. If regular maintenance is neglected, the costs of repairs increase exponentially. SB 16 would address the backlog of maintenance needs, and is estimated to generate between \$2.8 and \$3.6 billion annually.

El Dorado County has enough projects that would use the projected funding over the next five years. Some of these projects would restore roads before expensive repairs would be needed. Other projects would repair roads that are at the point of substantial repair work is necessary. SB 16 would help make these projects a reality. We cannot stress enough the importance of acting on the transportation funding shortfall.

For these reasons, El Dorado County is supporting SB 16.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B.K. Veerkamp".

Brian K. Veerkamp
Chairman, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

cc:

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