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The Honorable Rusty Dupray
Chairman, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Chairman Dupray,

After a review of the Highway 50 Corridor regional fee concept and its proposed implementation in El Dorado County, the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors endorse the program in concept.

The transportation problems in our county and throughout the Highway 50 Corridor into Sacramento have long been a concern of the El Dorado Hills Chamber. We have closely tracked and supported the work of the Highway 50 Corridor Mobility Partnership to identify needed road and transit improvements that would benefit our members and the entire western slope. We anticipate that those projects will have a significant positive impact on current and future congestion on and near Highway 50.

We understand that it will take significant private investment to move these projects forward. We support the proposed approach for El Dorado County participation in the regional fee program because it will not increase existing development fees but will effectively leverage other available state and federal funding sources and help bring about much-needed Highway 50 Corridor transportation-infrastructure improvements that our businesses and residents will use heavily.

For these reasons, the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce supports the Highway 50 regional fee program in concept and urges you to also endorse it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Manning

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President & CEO

cc: Supervisor Ron Briggs
Supervisor Helen Bauman
Supervisor Norma Santiago
Supervisor Jack Sweeney