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September 11, 2009

Honorable Jimmy C. Lunsford  
Mayor  
City of Troy  
Post Office Box 549  
Troy, Alabama 36081

Re: City of Troy TIGER Discretionary Grant Project

Dear Mayor Lunsford:

The Alabama Development Office (ADO) supports your efforts to secure funds from the US Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grant program for a road project that will create an east-west corridor between U.S. Highway 231 through the City and Troy University.

The improvements you propose will facilitate the location of a new hi-tech industry to our state whose goal is to create 500 jobs within five years. Electing to locate in the central part of the City, this industry will help to keep your downtown vital as well as provide jobs with an average salary of \$50,000/year. With the per capita income of Alabama at 16% below the national average, these types of quality jobs are essential to address this economic disadvantage. However, the increase of traffic and the additional vehicles will need to be addressed.

With limited resources at the local and State level for this type of project for local streets, these funds are necessary to be able to provide the new industry (Project Alpha) with the infrastructure they require to create jobs.

Please let me know if there is any further information or support this office can give you to further this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Swann".

Linda P. Swann, CEcD  
Assistant Director and  
Project Manager for Project Alpha