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August 26, 2009

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

Subject: Support of TIGER Grant for City of Troy and Troy University

Dear Mayor Lunsford:

As Mayor of Eufaula, I know the difficulties with funding expensive infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. Construction costs, even in this period of recession, are high and with lower municipal tax revenues it is harder than ever to pay for such projects.

The planned location of a new high technology firm in Troy is a tremendous boon for both Troy and the surrounding communities. The increased employment opportunities are great news during these trying economic times and will certainly have a positive impact on a much larger area. We are most excited about the impact that this project will have on Eufaula and Barbour County.

Also, with Wallace College (Sparks Campus) and The Bevill Center for Advanced Electronics Technology, we believe that we have an excellent source for post-secondary education (which will provide a ready workforce for Troy's new industry); however, these are only two year institutions offering associates degrees. As such, to continue education and obtain a bachelors degree, students must attend a four-year college. Given Troy's proximity to Barbour County and the City of Eufaula, we recognize that many of our residents choose to attend Troy University.

In order to commute, residents need access to good roads that provide direct access to and from our communities. At present, there are limited roads to access certain areas of the City of Troy and the Troy University campus that results in bottlenecks and delayed travel times. In addition to the hardships created by commuting (e.g., high gas prices, extra time away from home, etc...) these delays are significant to Eufaula and Barbour County residents that work in Troy and/or attend Troy University classes/events.

Given the City of Troy's commitment to work with Troy University to provide a viable remedy by creating an east-west connector road, please know that Eufaula supports your efforts to secure TIGER funding for this project and acknowledges the regional impacts that such a route will have on our residents.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help you with this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Jaxon, Jr.", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Jay Jaxon, Jr.  
Mayor

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