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May 30, 2014

The Honorable Mike Crapo  
United States Senate  
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Crapo:

At its meeting on May 22, the Idaho Transportation Board learned about the I-11 Intermountain West Corridor study. At least three alternate routes are being reviewed to link Las Vegas to Canada.

The board requests your support for the US-93 option, also known as "Route C". It is the shortest route and presumably the least expensive to construct. It provides motorists with two options when it connects to I-84 in the Twin Falls vicinity: east to I-15 or west to I-5 and then north into Canada.

Additionally, with efforts underway to allow permitted vehicle weights up to 129,000 pounds on select Idaho Interstates, passage of this legislation would support the US-93 option. These vehicles could travel unimpeded to I-15 and then into Canada, enhancing economic opportunities. Currently, I-15 north of Idaho Falls is under-utilized. Also, thanks to the GARVEE Program, the Idaho Transportation Department is in the process of completing major improvements to I-84 in the greater Boise area. We believe Idaho's transportation system would be able to accommodate the projected increased traffic in either direction well into the future.

We appreciated Farhana Hibbert's attendance at our meeting in Pocatello. Again, please support "Route C" of the I-11 Intermountain West Corridor study. Not only would it be the least expensive alternative, but it could benefit Idaho's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Whitehead', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

JERRY WHITEHEAD  
Chairman  
Idaho Transportation Board

Cc: White Pine County, Nevada  
The Honorable Butch Otter, Governor of Idaho  
City of Twin Falls  
Twin Falls County

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