



September 24, 2007

The Honorable Ted Strickland
Governor, State of Ohio
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Columbus, OH 43215

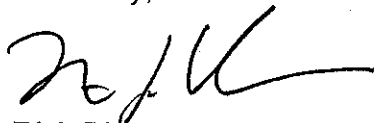
Dear Governor Strickland:

I am writing on behalf of the seven-county Columbus-Pittsburgh Corridor Committee, which was recently formed during a meeting of community leaders in Newcomerstown. The organization is becoming more organized in the interest of seeing the final four key highway projects along this multi-modal corridor constructed. Those sections include, from west to east, the Cherry Valley Road/SR16 interchange in Licking County, SR16 in Muskingum and Coshocton counties, US36-US22 link in Harrison and Tuscarawas counties, and US22 west of the Harrison/Jefferson County line. As you know from your years of in Congress, the intended, final product will be Ohio's first-ever linkage between two powerful economic markets—Columbus and Pittsburgh.

It is our collective understanding that new criteria is on the verge of being released by the Ohio Department of Transportation which will guide its decision making on major, new transportation projects. On behalf of our organization, I respectfully ask for an opportunity that will allow for the Corridor Committee to meet with a senior member of your Administration once the criteria is released. It's our desire to learn, first-hand, how to best position our regional interests pertaining to this corridor.

We very much look forward to working with you and your Administration in ways that, indeed, turnaround Ohio and position our state for greater economic growth.

Sincerely,



Rick Platt
for the Columbus-Pittsburgh Corridor Committee