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Director Saenz:

We are very concerned about the current status of transportation policy in Texas, particularly regarding toll roads. We are for a transportation system that keeps pace with the state's growing population and economy, while respecting private property rights.

Because of the public debate on the issue, we would like clarity on what TxDOT's policies are regarding toll roads. Since the Legislature approved the Trans-Texas Corridor in 2003, there has been a great deal of public concern about the implementation and policies TxDOT has adopted.

As TxDOT develops future transportation plans, we want to be sure that any proposals pursued by the agency will strictly enforce and commit to:

1. Tolling on new capacity only – no tolling of existing roads or if existing roads must be tolled for safety purposes then you will build the same amount of “no-toll” roads adjacent to the tolled roads.
2. There should be no foreign ownership of our Texas highways – roads must be owned by Texans.
3. New highways must use existing easements and rights of way when possible.
4. New roads in rural areas must guarantee to landowners full access to their property after construction of new roads.
5. The toll rate charged on any toll road in Texas must be approved by TxDOT. The Department shall coordinate the toll rates and any increase in toll rates with the local transportation planning organization.

We request, in writing, the Texas Department of Transportation's commitment to these five items.

We would appreciate a timely response to our request as transportation is vital to a vibrant and prosperous Texas.

Sincerely,



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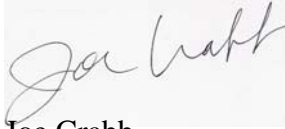
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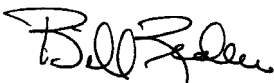
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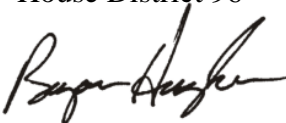
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