

NATIONAL I-73/74/75 CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

May 9, 2023

The Honorable Mike DeWine Governor of Ohio Riffle Center, 30th Floor 77 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor DeWine,

On behalf of the National I-73/74/75 Corridor Association, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for your continued commitment to constructing the Columbus bypass. By supporting the study of this critical infrastructure, you are moving the great State of Ohio one step closer to making Interstate 73 a reality.

The National I-73/74/75 Corridor Association is a coalition of civic and community leaders from the six corridor states: Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Together, we advocate for the furtherance of this vital national corridor that, when fully constructed, will connect Ontario, Canada to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Your support for completing the final stretch of Interstate 73 in Ohio, the Columbus bypass, will not only generate positive economic and quality of life impacts throughout your state, but it will also grant Ohioans greater connectivity to their neighbors in Michigan. Furthermore, by routing the bypass east of Columbus and connecting Interstate 71 to U.S. Route 23, local roadways in-and-around Columbus will be granted much needed relief and businesses will have greater accessibility to existing freight corridors.

If we can be of service, please do not hesitate to reach out at <u>info@i73.com</u>. Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership.

Best Regards,

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Incoming Executive Director