

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 11, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As Members whose districts and constituents will directly benefit from the improved quality of life and economic opportunity offered by the completion of Orange County's 241 toll road, we write respectfully to request your support of this important project.

The Texas Transportation Institute recently released its annual urban mobility report, which named the Orange County/Los Angeles region as the worst congested in the nation. San Diego follows as sixth worst. We think you will agree with us that we do not really need a "study" to prove what we experience on our streets and highways. Our daily commutes are filled with gridlock, choked intersections, frustrating traffic signal delays, foul air, and massive wastes of time which directly affect the commerce, lifestyle, and the future of our state.

Twenty years ago, local leaders conceptualized the development of innovative toll roads to help relieve the nightmare of traffic congestion and provide solutions without taxpayer funding to build a 67-mile highway system. However, the last 16 miles of these toll roads, which critically need completion, will streamline travel for hundreds of thousands of commuters along Interstate 5 in Orange County and northern San Diego County.

We believe that strong, timely, committed, and focused leadership by you is essential to complete this final 16 miles of the Foothill South 241 Toll Road project. Given your strength of commitment to infrastructure reform, your repeated call to replicate the visionary giants of California's past, and your exceptional belief in maintaining the historic lifestyle and commerce of America's greatest state, we are convinced that your direct efforts can unlock the promise of relief for our constituents.

The 241 Toll Road project may be the most studied 16 miles of highway in our history. Its final route was determined by an historic collaborative effort of six different agencies – the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, Caltrans, the U.S. Marine Corps and the Army Corps of Engineers. No other viable route will work. Indeed, an alternative widening of the I-5 in South Orange County would require bulldozing 838 homes and tearing down 382 businesses and cost more than \$2 billion (none of which has been budgeted or planned by Caltrans).

We refuse to bear responsibility for this unnecessary destruction and community mayhem and assume you would agree. We believe that your strong advocacy of public-private partnerships makes even more compelling your aggressive support of the 241 Toll Road project. As you know, when the toll road opens to the public it will immediately be deeded to the State of California at no cost – a bargain by any measure.

Governor, you have it within your reach to make this happen. We strongly and urgently request of you the leadership necessary to move the 241 Toll Road project to completion. With your help we will be successful.

Sincerely,



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GARY C. MILLER  
Member of Congress



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KEN CALVERT  
Member of Congress



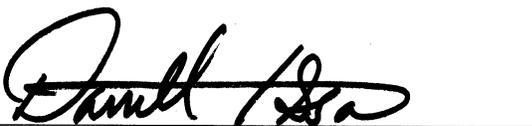
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