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The Honorable G. K. Butterfield
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Butterfield:

Thank you for introducing legislation today in the House of Representatives, HR 4829, the Route to Opportunity and Development Act (ROAD Act), to designate the Raleigh to Norfolk high priority corridor as a future part of the Interstate system. The legislation has my full support and I will urge all members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation to cosponsor it and advocate for its enactment.

The future Interstate designation is critical to further economic development in the region. The designation will enable businesses near and along the corridor to grow because they will have the promise of a future Interstate to connect between these two vital centers of commerce in the Raleigh and the Norfolk/Hampton Roads region of Virginia. The future Interstate designation has received resolutions of support from multiple municipalities, metropolitan planning organizations, rural planning organizations, and business organizations along the route. The designation is an important part of our future vision for transportation in our State and is key to promoting job creation and aligning our infrastructure with commerce activity.

I look forward to working with you and your staff as this bill moves through the surface transportation reauthorization process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ATJ Tata".

Anthony J. Tata