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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to express my interest, support, and concern regarding the progression of the Heartland Parkway which would connect the Bluegrass Parkway to the Louie B. Nunn Parkway in Central Kentucky.

I have witnessed the impact of industry and infrastructure with nearly 3,500 jobs being lost due to the closing of Fruit of the Loom. Our area has slowly tried to fill the void, but it had taken an economic blow by this and other industries lost to the global economy.

Elizabethtown and Bardstown are prime examples near our area. Their growth is primarily due to its roadways. Washington, Marion, Taylor, and Adair Counties would be placed on the same level of growth if the Heartland Parkway is given the full economic support it needs to move forward.

I am in support of the Heartland Parkway. This project cannot happen quickly enough for INFAC North America to make us more appealing to Campbellsville and other automotive manufacturers north and south, as well as to Toyota and Ford in Kentucky.

People in my area have driven too far for too many years to find work, shopping, and specialized health care. We need the Heartland Parkway to attract new companies and retain the existing industry that can put the citizens of our area to work. I hope that Kentucky will realize that this project should be a priority and revitalize my district and the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

John Carney

State Representative

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