

**City of Aberdeen  
Mayor's Office**

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April 28, 2009

To: Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

From: Mike Levsen  
Mayor/City Manager  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

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**Regarding: Request for consideration of funding for surface transportation project. (Access to Molded Fiber Glass plant)**

Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

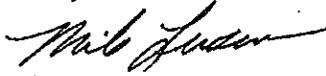
The public works director for Aberdeen, Robin Bobzien has submitted to your office a request related to needed funding for work to improve the road that leads directly to a new manufacturing plant now in operation in Aberdeen. **This project has the full support of the city of Aberdeen.**

The Molded Fiber Glass company plant in Aberdeen is producing wind turbine blades which will be part of the dramatic increase in wind energy facilities throughout the Midwest. This plant will employ about 700 workers when at full staff. The road which passes the entrance of this plant is in need of a repair and significant upgrade as described in the request. The materials coming into the plant and the completed turbine blades moving out will place additional stress on this road, as will the traffic from that large employee staff.

The project as outlined in the request will be of substantial benefit to the operation of this plant, the success of the venture, and the economy of the Aberdeen area. This plant construction and startup came very quickly and was not anticipated in our planned road construction. If we were to allocate current funds to this needed project, other projects already deemed urgently needed and scheduled for completion would have to be deferred with a high cost in lost planning expenditures and in our failure to deliver on promises made.

We appreciate your consideration of this project and request that you find justification for helping us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Levens", written in a cursive style.

Mike Levens  
Mayor/City Manager  
Aberdeen, SD

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