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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, SD

Regarding: Request for consideration of funding for surface transportation project. (Access to Beef Plant)

Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

Aberdeen public works Director, Robin Bobzien has submitted a request for funding assistance for work to be done on a segment of a truck bypass south of Aberdeen. There is a beef processing plant under construction there and truck and worker traffic will significantly stress roads accessing the facility. Over 500 workers and a large number of cattle trucks and refrigerator trucks will need to find a way to and from the plant every day. **This project has the full support of the city of Aberdeen.**

The ultimate goal will be a completed bypass around the city which will reduce the need for cattle-filled trucks passing through the middle of the city and past residential areas and schools. The work included in this request will help with one segment that will be crucial to the early stages of this operation. Even though this early segment will force vehicles to use a sometimes less-than-direct route to the plant, it will at least give us one reliable access road as the plant starts accepting cattle for processing.

The plant will be a great stimulus to our employment opportunities, a significant boost to the profitability for area cattle producers, and a boost to the rural and small town economies.

Although this is a Brown County road, we with city government will work with them to help get this done and hope you can support our efforts by advancing this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Levens".

Mike Levens
Mayor/City Manager
Aberdeen, SD
