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The Honorable Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
South Dakota Congressional Representative
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Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

I fully support the construction of Segment 2 of the Watertown South Connector to meet the transportation needs of Watertown and northeastern South Dakota. This project is included in our STIP and has been fully vetted before the public.

This project has multiple benefits including improvement of traffic flow in and around Watertown, potential reduction of vehicle collisions, lower transportation costs, improved economic efficiency, reduced travel time and lowered consumption of motor fuels resulting in reduced vehicle emissions.

I respectfully request your support of this project because it is economically and environmentally beneficial for the community of Watertown, surrounding communities, and the state's overall transportation system.

Sincerely,

Darin P. Bergquist
Secretary

Attachment