

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 2, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

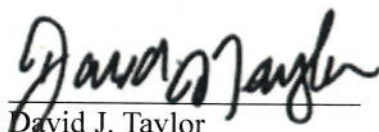
We write to you in support of the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) feasibility study regarding the potential development of an Interstate 73 (I-73) corridor, spanning from Toledo to Chesapeake, Ohio. This study aims to identify the optimal route to enhance the United States Interstate Highway System while improving connectivity, healthcare access, and economic opportunity within Ohio and across the United States.

Since President Eisenhower signed the Federal Aid-Highway Act of 1956 into law, the United States Interstate Highway System has been pivotal in connecting rural communities, minimizing congestion, and promoting economic development. The proposed I-73 corridor would further enhance the interstate system by alleviating transportation bottlenecks, expanding healthcare access in rural communities across Ohio, and improving freight mobility for new defense manufacturers and the soon-to-be reopened Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, as well as existing industries.

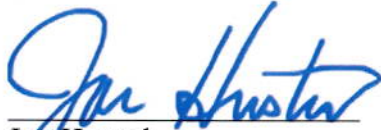
Moreover, regions of Ohio that are currently underserved by the interstate system, predominantly in southern and southeastern Ohio, have faced barriers due to a lack of infrastructure, hindering economic growth and development in the region. The proposed I-73 corridor seeks to address these generational disparities and connect Appalachian communities with the rest of the state, and attract long-term regional economic development.

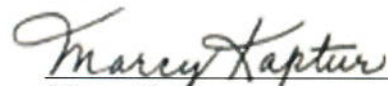
While the ODOT continues conducting its feasibility study, we request that the Department of Transportation assist where applicable, with technical assistance and data resources. The completion of this study and the potential I-73 corridor will increase the United States' and Ohio's supply chain resilience, economy, and bridge the gap between rural and urban communities, while aligning with the Department of Transportation's goals of infrastructure modernization and expansion.

Sincerely,



David J. Taylor
Member of Congress


Bernie Moreno
United States Senator


Jon Husted
United States Senator



Marcy Kaptur
Member of Congress



Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress



Jim Jordan
Member of Congress


Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress



Mike Carey
Member of Congress


Greg Landsman
Member of Congress


Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress


Shontel M. Brown
Member of Congress


Max Miller
Member of Congress


Troy Balderson
Member of Congress