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HENRY YANEZ
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Mark Vanderpool
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City Manager
40555 Utica Road
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September 19, 2017

Dear Mr. Vanderpool,

I am writing to offer my support for the Innovate Mound Project. One of the most traveled roadways in the tri-county region of metro Detroit, the Mound Road corridor generates billions of dollars within Macomb County and the state of Michigan. Over 81,000 manufacturing jobs in industries including military, automotive, and aerospace exist within a 10-mile radius of the corridor, and it is part of the National Highway System and the National Highway Freight Network, illustrating its strategic importance to the region.

At 30 years of age, it is imperative that we maintain the Mound Road corridor in order to maximize its effectiveness and usefulness for both industry and residents. The Innovate Mound Project will make the corridor safer and more efficient, which benefits the region both strategically and economically for everyone.

The Innovate Mound Project includes the following benefits:

- Add/widen/bike/pedestrian ways/overpasses
- Add transit stops for SMART Bus System
- Upgrade intelligent signalization systems
- Add vehicle-to-vehicle connectivity systems

By funding these improvements through the Innovate Mound Project, we can enhance the experience for both residents and industry, allowing the tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in revenue to continue to benefit our county and our great state I am in full support of this project.

Sincerely,

Rep. Henry Yanez
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