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The Honorable David Dreier
United States House of Representatives
233 Cannon House Office
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Requesting \$5 Million for I-15/Devore Interchange

Dear Congressman Dreier:

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) has identified the I-15/Devore Interchange as a high priority project for Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations funding and request your support for \$5 million to go towards this project. This critical connector links residents in your district to jobs in the surrounding areas and is also a major freight movement chokepoint in California.

The I-15/I-215 Devore Interchange, located at the base of the Cajon Pass, is the corridor's worst chokepoint. Moreover, a recently completed study by the Federal Highway Administration identified I-15 through the Cajon Pass as the second worst grade-related bottleneck on Interstate Truck Corridor freeways in the United States. Additionally, San Bernardino County is constructing new homes just south of this location, which cause more commuters to fight for space on this corridor as trucks slow to a crawl during peak periods, miles before serious grades are encountered. Your assistance with advocating for funds for this project will benefit new home buyers, commuters, local businesses and the overall national economy as freight from the San Pedro ports is moved by semi trucks to destinations outside of California.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request for funds for the I-15/Base Line Interchange. If you have any questions concerning this project, please call Jennifer Franco with SANBAG at 909-884-8276.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Franco
Director of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein