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Paul Trombino III, Director  
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Dear Director Trombino,

I write with respect to the reported decision by the Illinois DOT (ILDOT) to not include funding for the construction of the I-74 Bridge in the Quad Cities in their 2013-2018 transportation plan. I am disappointed by this development and know this project is a priority for the Quad Cities. Rep. Schilling on the Illinois side of the bridge is similarly writing to ILDOT to express these same concerns and I have previously expressed these sentiments to the Iowa DOT Commissioners as well.

I understand it is possible that ILDOT's decision means construction will not proceed in Iowa within the original timeframe. I hope a way forward can be found and construction of the I-74 Bridge can proceed quickly. I applaud IADOT's decision to include funding for construction of the bridge and respectfully urge you to work with ILDOT to find a way to move forward with construction and even if ILDOT does not include funding, to find a way to proceed with the scheduled construction in Iowa.

Having met and talked with many community leaders, businesses owners, and residents of the Quad Cities, I know that continued delay of this project will have significant negative effects on productivity, quality of life, and economic development for the region. For this project to more quickly move forward, it is clear that Congress needs to produce a long-term transportation bill, as I have, and will continue to, urge Congress to do. I have also expressed the importance of the I-74 Bridge project specifically to the Secretary of Transportation, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

I know you understand the importance of transportation and infrastructure investments for Iowa's continued growth which is why I again respectfully urge you to work to find a way to ensure I-74 Bridge construction can move forward at a minimum on the Iowa side and work with ILDOT to express the importance of this project. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



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