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The Honorable Jay Obernolte
U.S. House of Representatives
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Alex Padilla
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: California City Boulevard extension community project funding request

Dear Representative Obernolte, Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express strong support for the California City Boulevard Extension Project and respectfully urge your consideration of \$6,133,000 in federal community project funding and congressionally directed spending to help advance this critical, shovel ready transportation and safety improvement.

This project would extend California City Boulevard to provide a safer and more direct connection between California City and State Route 58. The need for this project is underscored by recurring collisions at the existing Highway 58 and California City Boulevard intersection, which presents ongoing safety concerns for residents, commuters, and military personnel traveling to and from the area.

The Boulevard Extension Project is a collaborative effort involving Kern County, California City, Edwards Air Force Base, the Kern Council of Governments, and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency. This partnership reflects broad regional support and demonstrates the project's importance to local transportation, economic development, and national defense readiness. The total project cost is approximately \$12.8 million, with local and state partners committing roughly \$6.7 million to begin the project. The Kern County Public Works Department will also be seeking an additional \$3.8 million in DCIP funding for the project on behalf of Edwards Air Force Base, which could reduce the remaining amount requested via the community project funding process.

However, since the DSIP funding is not guaranteed, we are respectfully requesting the full balance of \$6.13M in this request. In short, without additional federal funding the project cannot proceed to paving and full completion.

Federal investment would allow the roadway to be paved and brought into service, providing safe and reliable access to Edwards Air Force Base while reducing traffic congestion and improving overall roadway safety. This improved connection would also support regional mobility, emergency response, and long-term economic stability in eastern Kern County.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to infrastructure investment and public safety. We appreciate your consideration and your ongoing service to the residents of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", with a stylized, flowing script.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Kern County Public Works Department
Kern Council of Governments
City of California City
Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency
Edwards Air Force Base
Townsend Public Affairs