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Secretary Mark Gottlieb
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Dear Secretary Gottlieb,

We write to you today regarding the I-39/90 expansion project in the hope that the Department of Transportation will move ahead with the project without delay.

We recognize the fact that the 2015-17 state budget cut transportation spending by 6 percent when compared to the 2014-15 base year and know that you face the difficult choice of deciding which projects should go forward and which projects will be delayed. However, as you are well aware, an increasing amount of freight and commuter traffic relies on the I-39/90 corridor. According to a recent study, \$650-800 million in commerce moves along the corridor every day. Furthermore, the State of Illinois has already invested heavily in improvements to I-39/90 between Rockford and the state line.

For the sake of Wisconsin's continued economic development, this important investment in Wisconsin's economy should not be delayed or subjected to any further uncertainty. We ask that the Department of Transportation act quickly to prioritize this project and maintain its current schedule.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

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