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The Honorable Mary E. Peters  
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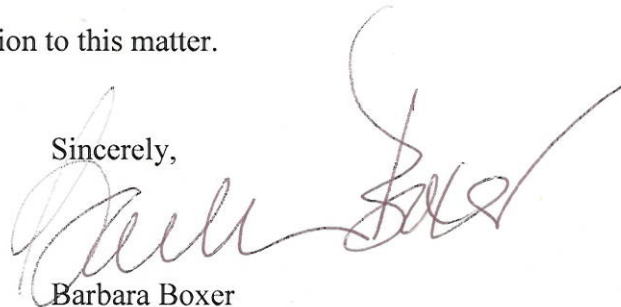
Dear Secretary Peters and Mr. Sullivan:

I write to express my concerns over the possible approval of a loan application by the Transportation Corridor Systems (TCS) on behalf of itself and its two affiliated agencies, the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency (SJHTCA) and the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (FETCA) in Orange County, California, for a \$1.1 billion loan of federal funds under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA).

It is my understanding that the funding provided by this loan would be used to stabilize the finances of the TCS's existing toll roads, a purpose that was not originally intended by the TIFIA loan program. With limited financing available for the many existing highway projects, I believe it would be more prudent at this time to focus resources on projects that provide new improvements to the nation's surface transportation system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator