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RE: Interstate 10 (I-10) Calcasieu River Bridge

Gentlemen:

We are writing to express our support for the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Task Force recommendation to replace our bridge.

Upgrading infrastructure to relieve congestion is important. Replacing an interstate 10 bridge to avoid failure or service interruption is critical. I-10 provides the primary east-west link in the Interstate Highway System across our nation. Our state's leg of I-10 is the energy corridor of the nation. This bridge is *critical* to our state and country, yet it is in *critical* condition.

Many years have been spent studying how to replace the bridge, but the bottom line is that the state does not have the funds to do it and will not have the funds in the foreseeable future. The Task Force recommendation offers the potential to achieve the goal without public funds.

There are few if any decisions more critical to our state's infrastructure than those related to the replacement of the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge. Therefore, it is our desire to join you and other partners in support of this important transportation project. The time is now.

Sincerely yours,

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