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Dear California, Congressional Member:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to support the request from the Madera County Transportation Commission for Congressional Community Project Funding for the State Route 99 Operational Improvement Project in Madera County. This project addresses freight system needs on a high-volume freight corridor and has strong industry and community support. Additionally, this project will enhance connectivity and accessibility to the proposed Madera Amtrak Station near Avenue 12.

President Biden's announcement of a major infrastructure initiative – a \$2 trillion, eight-year "American Jobs Plan," and the surface transportation reauthorization legislation, presents opportunities for Congress to make critical investments in infrastructure that will address decades of inequities and the rising challenge of climate change, while also spurring economic growth. This will lead the way to developing a brighter future for all.

Caltrans assessed letter of support requests from local agencies based on guiding principles supporting state priorities in collaboration with the California State Transportation Agency. Therefore, I am confident the approval of this request will help to support a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Director

c: Madera County Transportation Commission