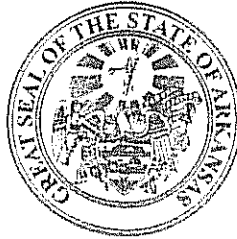


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August 29, 2013

Gard Wayt
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Dear Mr. Wayt:

I fully endorse the work that the I-49 International Coalition is doing to obtain the funding for the competition of I-49 and will help in any way that I can. It is important that the 1700 mile corridor is completed. It will be a positive impact, not only in my state senate district and Arkansas, but also many other states. It will allow easier trade with Mexico and Canada which will promote new businesses and new jobs.

This corridor is needed for commerce. It would give an international trade route from New Orleans to Canada. It would provide economic development in underserved areas and reduce congestion in larger areas. It would improve transportation safety and operation cost. It would also support our country's national defense and security.

It is important that I-49 be completed in its entirety. I support the efforts of the I-49 Coalition to help in getting the message out about the importance of this project to our nation and how the funding to complete the entire project is needed. If I can be of help, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Senator Bruce Holland".

Senator Bruce Holland