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The Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

Please consider this a formal request for your assistance in the FY 2011 appropriations cycle with the City of Lincoln's federal priorities. We will be providing your staff with all of the necessary paperwork associated with such requests very soon.

Because transportation issues are critical to our community, a federal contribution to the roads component of the Antelope Valley Project continues to be our top priority. With your strong support, we have made great strides toward completion of this important endeavor.

You have also provided significant assistance in the City's efforts to meet federal mandates at our Theresa Street and Northeast wastewater treatment facilities. We continue to make investments in this area, but federal support helps keep necessary fee increases on our citizens as low as possible. Moreover, in the area of flood control, we are supportive of the request by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding for a reconnaissance study for the Deadmans Run watershed.

The Lincoln Expressway remains an important component of the region's transportation system, and we would appreciate your support for construction of the South Expressway sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Roads, as well as a City-sponsored effort to purchase rights-of-way along the proposed East Expressway corridor.

Finally, I know you are also aware that the City has scheduled a vote in May on a proposal to construct an arena as part of a significant redevelopment of the West Haymarket section of downtown Lincoln. We are hopeful that if the community commits to providing local resources to this endeavor that there would be an appropriate federal contribution in the future.

Thank you again for all you do for the Lincoln community and the State of Nebraska. We would be pleased to provide any additional information on any of these projects as you promote them with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

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