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Senator Patty Murray  
U.S. Senate  
173 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray,

Affiliates of the Northeastern Washington – Northern Idaho Bldg. & Construction Trades Council were active participants with other community leaders at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony to open the first drivable section of the US 395 North Spokane Corridor. During the ceremony there was an announcement that the next phase of the project has been submitted for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds would complete the southbound lanes from Farwell to Freya. This would allow WSDOT to open the entire 5.7 mile section from Freya to Wandermere in 2011. This is the only Eastern Washington project to be submitted and we are excited about what these funds could mean to our community in job creation, economic vitality and increased freight mobility. It is estimated that the \$35 million requested for construction of this project would create much needed jobs and economic activity.

We are asking for your support in helping to ensure that this project is funded by the TIGER grants.

We look forward to your continued support and advocacy for our number one regional transportation project. When finished, the Corridor will be an asset that benefits all modes of transportation and will create regional, State, national and international economic development opportunities, as well as improving the quality of life for those who live and visit our area.

If there is anything we can do to help support this vital transportation project, we would be more than happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Timm Ormsby  
Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary/Treasurer  
Northeastern Washington-Northern Idaho Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO