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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio Chairman House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves Ranking Member House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

"I am requesting funding for State Route (SR) 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the California Transportation Agency, Caltrans, San Diego Association of Governments and the project is located at SR 11 near Enrico Fermi Drive, San Diego, CA 92154.

The funding is designated for SR 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry (POE) project represents more than a decade of work that has brought together state, federal, regional, and local stakeholders. The project has been highlighted as a key project by the State of California. This project will support the new alignment from SR 125 to the U.S.-Mexico Border - Construction of four-lane toll highway facility, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility and POE from Siempre Viva to Mexico Border in segments.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the project will be the nation's first POE to integrate innovative technologies that improve regional security and safety, bolster binational economic productivity, provide resiliency to the border transportation network, enhance mobility and efficiency, reduce emissions, enhance health in surrounding communities, and foster innovative strategies.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project."

Sincerely,

JUAN VARGAS Member of Congress