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September 6, 2011

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I have been in contact with representatives from the Topinabee Development Association regarding a plan to improve the economic and environmental assets of the community of Topinabee, Michigan. Such improvements include:

- 1) Installation of curbs and gutters which will filter storm water run-off.
- 2) Infrastructure improvements to a .9 stretch of M-27.

These initiatives will create more Michigan jobs, stimulate the local economy, support Northern Michigan's tourism industry, cultivate an environment conducive to business creation, increase tax revenues and encourage civic pride.

I urge you to approve the Tiger III Grant application submitted by Mullett Township requesting the funds for the Green Corridor/Streetscape Improvements. I strongly support their application and believe it is important for Northern Michigan's future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at 517-373-2413.

Sincerely,

Howard Walker  
State Senator  
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