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Senator Sherrod Brown
455 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Additional Maumee River Bridge in Napoleon

Dear Senator Brown:

As a lifelong resident of Napoleon, Ohio, I realize how important the Maumee River is to this community. In addition, I have come to realize how important it is to get over the river in a timely and convenient fashion. As you may recall, several years ago the primary bridge over the river in Napoleon was taken down and rebuilt. During that time, all residents had to drive several miles out of town and back into town in order to cross the river. Of course, it made all of us much more cognizant of how much we rely on convenient river crossing.

The US Route 24 "Fort to Port" Project is on its way to completion and a new Maumee River Bridge connecting the two industrial areas of Napoleon, coming off Route 24, would be beneficial to the citizens and businesses in this area. It would allow for a direct route to the Campbell Soup Company (Henry County's largest employer) on the south side of the river, alleviating much of the truck congestion currently experienced in downtown Napoleon. Such a bridge would also save energy costs and time for those drivers.

In addition, a new bridge crossing would create further access for those on the south side of the river to the Henry County Hospital, located on the north side of the river, near both of the proposed bridge crossing routes.

For all of these reasons, I strongly support the construction of an additional river bridge in Napoleon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Denise Herman McColley
Judge, Henry County Court of Common Pleas
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