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Howard Meir
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Dear Howard Meir,

I have been and continue to be a strong advocate for the view, "As Cleveland goes, so goes the region". I continue to stress the importance of regionalism and why we must end "turf wars" in favor of cooperative economic growth. That is why I am so troubled by reservations for the approval of a new interchange at Lear/Nagel in Lorain County.

I am writing to request that you keep an open mind to give the proposed interchange fair and full consideration for the benefit of the region. As someone who is always concerned about sensible growth, I respect your concerns. I would suggest, however, that your concern about growth is concern about growth that has already occurred. I would also suggest that the plan for the interchange to be paid for by private dollars represents a substantial infrastructure investment that will benefit the region without jeopardizing dollars for other vital projects in the region.

As a state representative, I constantly hear residents say that the reason our region is losing population is due to the lack of good paying jobs. This is an opportunity to grow good paying jobs for the region. The great transportation system we have in Cleveland, due to the wise planning of NOACA, affords "Clevelanders" easy access to job opportunities throughout the region. Thus, this is a true win-win for the region and our families. The new interchange will also help to address a growing safety concern with serious stacking at I-90 and the Route 83 Exit that is already over capacity.

I stand ready to work with you in support of growth opportunities for the region and the service area of NOACA. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter in more detail at 440-258-7843. We can work together and demonstrate - "What is good for the region, is good for Cleveland and Clevelanders as well."

Continued success,

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