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Congressman Mike Rogers
133 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Application for TIGER Grant Assistance for the Cedar Street Gateway Revitalization Corridor Project.

Dear Representative Rogers

As we have discussed in the past, Delhi Charter Township has been planning for the reconstruction of Cedar Street between Holt Road and College Road for several years. This 2.60 mile stretch of highway represents the “front door” to Delhi Township and is a major artery linking Mason-Holt and Lansing. As such, this road is expected to carry over 30,000 vehicles per day within the next several years. Cedar Street is also a major economic development corridor and the livability is closely linked to the condition of the Cedar Street corridor.

Recognizing the critical nature of Cedar Street and the state of its deterioration, the Township and its Downtown Development Authority have made substantial financial commitments to a project to reconstruct Cedar over the past few years. This has taken the form of over \$ 300,000 expended on preliminary and final engineering for the reconstruction of Cedar Street along with \$ 2.6 million expended by the DDA in 2008 to rebuild the first three quarters of a mile of Cedar from Dallas south to Holbrook.

Plans are now complete for the reconstruction of Cedar from Holbrook south to College. Additionally, preliminary engineering has been completed on a by-pass road which will complement the Cedar Street project by diverting traffic desiring to access US 127 directly to the freeway from Cedar Street at the south side of Holt. These combined projects have an estimated cost of \$ 20 million and can be completed within the next 18 months if funding is made available.

In order to fund this critical improvement, the Township filed an application on September 15, 2009 under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program administered by the US Department of Transportation. This application requested funding in the amount of \$ 20 million for the

project described above and titled the Cedar Street Gateway Revitalization Corridor Project.

The application thoroughly documents the traffic safety, fuel economy, environmental and economic development benefits of this project. It also discusses in detail how this investment will provide direct and indirect stimulus to the flagging Michigan economy.

We know you have been very supportive of projects of importance to Delhi Township in the past. We are therefore hopeful that you will provide any help you can to assist the Township in moving this important project forward with TIGER funding. Thank you for your service and assistance on our behalf. Please feel free to contact my office if you require further information. We look forward to working with you on the funding of this critical project.

Sincerely
Delhi Charter Township

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stuart Goodrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Stuart Goodrich, Township Supervisor.