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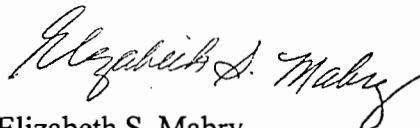
Dear Mr. Covington:

I understand that the State Infrastructure Bank has funds available that have not been designated for a road project. The South Carolina Department of Transportation has a need for additional funds to construct median barriers on some of our interstate routes. As you are aware, during the past year there have been a number of severe median crossover crashes which have resulted in a significant number of fatalities.

I am attaching a copy of a report written by this agency concerning this problem and our proposal to reduce these crossover crashes. We have identified approximately 284 miles of interstate routes that would benefit from the installation of a median guardrail to prevent these type crossover crashes. The estimated cost for these barriers is \$40 million. To date we have identified approximately \$2 million for these projects. Should the State Infrastructure Bank make funds available to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for median barriers, the South Carolina Department of Transportation would be in a position to offer \$4 million as a match.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation would greatly appreciate consideration by the State Infrastructure Bank Board for any funds for this barrier program. Please advise if you need any additional information and I appreciate the Board's interest in this important highway safety project.

Yours very truly,



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Executive Director

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Director of Traffic Engineering

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