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Colonel Stephanie P. Wilson Commander 7460 Arnold Street, Suite 234 Tinker AFB OK 73145-9005

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Foxx

With a workforce of more than 26,000 people and a supply operation involving nearly 9,000 deliveries every month, safe and reliable transportation to and from Tinker AFB is a significant factor in our ability to successfully conduct our diverse National Defense Missions.

As the installation commander for Tinker AFB and as members of the community, we share the same interest as our neighbors in the potential impact of transportation developments in the local area. We fully recognize the relationship between strong, vibrant communities and the quality of life of our workforce.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation brought to the attention of my Civil Engineering and Security Forces personnel a project for the interchange at I-40 and Douglas Boulevard. This intersection is utilized by approximately 7,400 Tinker AFB personnel daily. We have reviewed the concept and layout for this project. We believe this project will relieve congestion, facilitate freight movement and improve both safety and mobility at the interchange. This project will greatly enhance both our abilities to carry out our missions as well as positively affect our service members and employees daily commutes to and from the workplace.

We are prepared to work with your personnel and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to address any issues that may arise. Thank you and your personnel for considering our input.

Sincerely

STEPHANIE P. WILSON, Colonel, USAF

Commander