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United States Department of Transportation
Attn: Ray LaHood, Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: New Belgrade Airport Interchange on I-90

Dear Secretary,

Our company has now served the Belgrade area for over 10 years. We have operations at 109 Pipkin Road, Belgrade, Montana and at the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport at Gallatin Field (BZN). As such we experience the extremely congested highway system around the existing Belgrade interchange on I-90, especially where Amsterdam Road intersects with Jackrabbit Lane, and at the intersection of the Frontage Road and Gallatin Field Road. The proposed interchange serving BZN will greatly assist in reducing this congestion and make it easier to access Belgrade and BZN as a destination for doing business or taking a flight.

By making it easier for people to reach BZN, we anticipate an increase use of the airport as well as new businesses locating around the new interchange. We could see an increase in our businesses requiring the hiring of additional staffing. It is hard to put an exact number of new employees we might need, but it could range as high as six. However, the new businesses that might locate around the new interchange might require staffing in the hundreds. As a company, we might be interested in expanding by starting one of these new businesses.

Accordingly, we would strongly encourage the building of this new interchange. If we can be of any help in assisting you in making this happen, please call upon us.

Sincerely,



Bert Hopeman, President