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President Donald J. Trump  
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Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you for your commitment to complete a new I-10 Bridge over Lake Charles. As you saw on your recent visit to Louisiana, this project is vital not just to our State, but to our energy security and to our Nation as a whole.

The original I-10 Bridge, constructed in 1952, was only designed to accommodate 37,000 vehicle crossings per day. In 2016, the number of vehicle crossings per day averaged over 81,000. The Chamber of Southwest Louisiana proposes to construct a new state of the art bridge using a public-private partnership, making it only the second project of its kind in Louisiana. The new bridge would be able to accommodate the increased vehicle traffic and provide greater access to Southwest Louisiana's extensive energy infrastructure.

Our great State has so much potential that has yet to be unleashed, and strategic investments in innovative projects like the I-10 Bridge are necessary to move us forward. Furthermore, completion of this project is consistent with your infrastructure principles and with your America First energy policies. I respectfully urge you to work with the State of Louisiana to see that this project does not face any unnecessary hurdles in its completion. The people of Louisiana stand ready to move forward on this and on many more projects in the future, and I look forward to working with you and your administration to see it through.

Sincerely,

Ralph Abraham, M.D.  
Member of Congress