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The Honorable Tom Latham
United States Representative
2217 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Latham:

On behalf of the City of Jefferson, I am requesting your support for special funding for an important transportation project in your district, the construction of a grade separation of Iowa Highway 4 and the Union Pacific Railroad within the city of Jefferson. A grade separation at this location will greatly benefit local and regional traffic by eliminating the delay created by heavy train traffic on the Union Pacific's double mainline route.

The city successfully obtained \$4 million in funding through SAFETEA-LU, a small portion of which has been utilized to conduct planning, environmental, and archeological studies and preliminary design of the structure. The Iowa Department of Transportation believes this project is worthy of additional funding which would help ensure its timely completion and provide a more immediate benefit to the traveling public.

This project is included in the 2009-2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The City of Jefferson is committed and capable of expending the requested funds as soon as sufficient funds for the project are identified.

Should you have any questions or need additional information about this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott A. Dockstader".

Scott A. Dockstader
District 1 Engineer

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cc: City of Jefferson, Mayor Craig Berry