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January 31, 2025

Mr. Samuel Hall, President
Pike County Board of Supervisors
175 S Cherry Street
Magnolia, MS 39652

RE: US 51 RR Bridge Between McKay and Hayles Road
STP-2175-00(018)LPA 109546-711000
Pike County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am writing regarding the Pike County Board of Supervisors' efforts to improve transportation and enhance the safe movement of goods by rail to industries along U.S. Highway 51 in the southern portion of Pike County. I applaud Pike County for working with the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to secure funding through FHWA in the amount of \$6,000,000 to assist in this grade separated crossing.

This project will provide a safe, efficient way for rail service to cross at a different grade than the roadway traffic while also providing additional capacity for the movement of goods by rail. This is an excellent example of how transportation improvements contribute to the economic success of manufacturing and job retention and creation.

I support your efforts in securing matching and necessary funding for this project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Brad White



March 27, 2025

Congressman Michael Guest
3rd Congressional District
450 Cannon House HOB
Washington, M.D. 20515

Reference: US 51 RR Bridge Between McKay and
Hayles Road

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Pike County, MS

Dear Congressman Guest,

The Pike County Economic Development District (PCEDD) strongly supports the Pike County Board of Supervisors' request for funding on US 51 RR Bridge project (STP-2175-00(018)LPA 109546-711000). This project is critical to improving rail access to the Metro Pike Industrial Park, which is home to key industries such as Sanderson Farms and Weyerhaeuser. The current railroad crossing on US 51 restricts the use of unit trains, limiting industrial operations.

Constructing the bridge will ensure smoother operations for local industries and improve safety for Pike County residents by eliminating rail traffic blockages on the highway. We respectfully urge your support for this essential infrastructure improvement.

Sincerely,

Jill Busby, CEcD
Executive Director
Pike County Economic Development District
P.O. Box 5302
Summit, MS 39666



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BOB "PIC" BILLINGSLEY
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Jill Busby
Executive Director
Pike County Economic Development
P.O. Box 5302
Summit, Mississippi 39666

January 10, 2022

Dear Jill:

As you are aware, we have been a tenant in the Metro Pike Industrial park since 1993. Over the years Pike county has been an exceptional location for our processing plant, hatchery and feed mill operations.

The issue we have today is the feed mill located within the park is not able to receive unit trains of feed ingredients which are necessary for our operation. The unit trains consist of up to 105 individual cars which make the rail crossing at Highway 51 problematic due to the amount of time the crossing is impacted by the unit train.

Please allow this letter to serve as our request to Pike county to begin looking at solutions to this issue.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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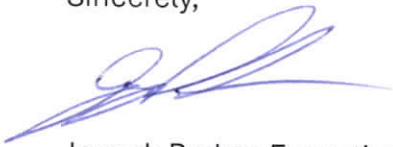
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Pike County, MS

Dear Congressman Guest:

The Scenic Rivers Development Alliance (SRDA) supports the Pike County Board of Supervisors' request for funding the US 51 RR Bridge project (STP-2175-00(018)LPA 109546-711000). This project is critical for improving rail access to the Metro Pike Industrial Park, home to major industries like Sanderson Farms and Weyerhaeuser. The current crossing limits operations and impacts emergency response times.

SRDA is confident that this project will have a positive impact on the entire region, and we are proud to support the county's efforts. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

Sincerely,



Joseph Parker, Executive Director
Scenic Rivers Development Alliance
701 S. Magnolia Street
McComb, MS 39648