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House of Representatives
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April 11, 2017

The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Acting Chairman

The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott III
Vice Chairman

The Honorable Deb Miller

United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. FD 36075

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Dear Chairman Begeman and Surface Transportation Board members:

I write to express my serious concern regarding the matter referred to above, currently before the Surface Transportation Board and brought by the Illinois Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway"). In its petition, the Tollway seeks declaratory judgment that exercise of state law eminent domain authority to acquire permanent and temporary easements for the construction of five bridges over railroad tracks in the vicinity of O'Hare International Airport ("O'Hare") is not preempted by the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act, 49 U.S.C. ss 10101 et seq.

The specific subject of the Tollway's petition, the Western Access Interchange, is an integral component of the broader Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project ("EOWA"), and is part of the O'Hare Modernization Plan ("OMP"). The EOWA and OMP (which includes construction of a new terminal requiring a western entry point into O'Hare) are projected to greatly improve freight and passenger access to the airport by providing western access to O'Hare, and provide other transportation benefits for passenger and freight transportation in and around the Chicago area. Additionally, the Illinois Governor's Advisory Council estimates that approximately 65,000 permanent jobs will be created by completion of EOWA by 2040, nearly seventy percent of which would locate in the communities west of O'Hare.¹ The United States

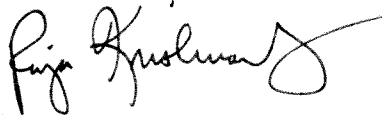
¹ "Elgin O'Hare West Bypass Advisory Council: Final Report to Governor Pat Quinn," *Office of the Governor, State of Illinois*, (30 June 2011), found at: <https://www.illinoistollway.com/documents/20184/89124/EOWB+Advisory+Council+Final+Report.pdf/46abd85b-c50d-418e-8fad-16c0a5238e25?version=1.0>

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Department of Transportation recently designated EOWA as a *Project of National and Regional Significance* due to its impact on the regional economy and the execution of other national priorities.

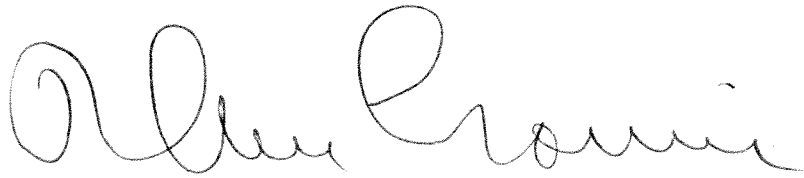
Mindful of the significant economic benefits this project will bring to the communities, businesses and the region at large (and nationally, insofar as it is a continuation of improvements to an airport of critical importance to our national air transportation system), I wish to express my full support for EOWA and the Tollway's efforts in seeing this multi-year project completed as soon as resolution of this issue, and construction of the roadway, permits.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raja Krishnamoorthi", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress

I, the undersigned, concur with the concerns stated in Congressman Krishnamoorthi's letter of April 11, 2017 to the Surface Transportation Board, and support the Illinois Toll Highway Authority's efforts to obtain the easements necessary to complete the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project.

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Signature

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Printed Name

A handwritten title in cursive script, reading "DuPage County Board Chairman".

Title

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Signature

Timothy O. Schneider
Printed Name

Cook County Commissioner
Title

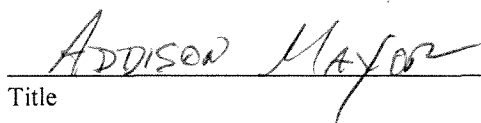
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Signature

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Printed Name

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Title

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E. K. Summers

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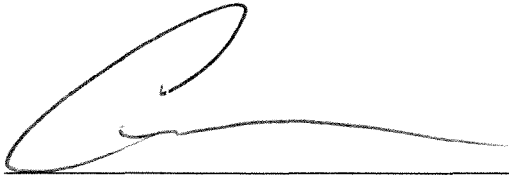
Evan K. Summers

Printed Name

Village Manager - Bensenville, IL

Title

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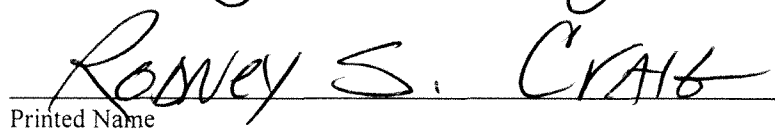
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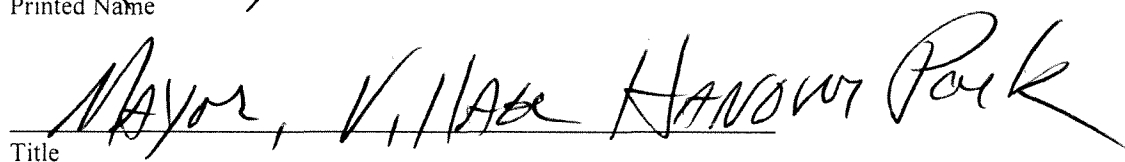
Mayor of Elk Grove VIL

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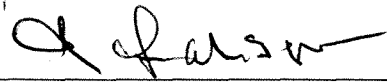
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Printed Name

Village President, Schaumburg IL

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Annunziato Pulice
Signature

ANNUNZIATO PULICE
Printed Name

MAYOR CITY OF WOOD DALE
Title

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Anna Moeller, State Rep. 43rd District

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State Representative

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Printed Name

Title


Michelle Mussman

State Representative 56th District

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Signature

Laura M. Murphy

Printed Name

Laura M. Murphy

Title

STATE SENATOR - 28th District

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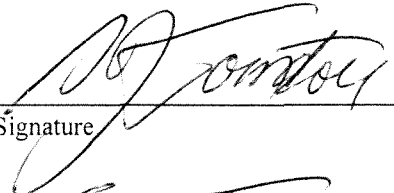
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Chairman, O'Hare Noise Committee

DuPage County Board

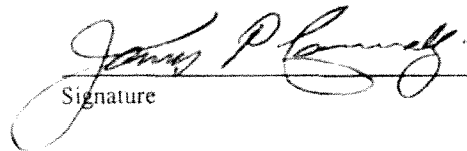
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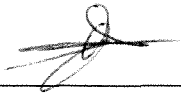
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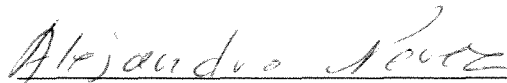
JAMES P. CONNOLLY
Printed Name

CHICAGO LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGER
Title

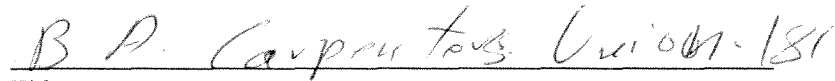
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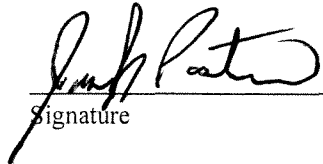


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JOSEPH PASTORINO

Printed Name

Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters

Title

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Printed Name

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Title

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Frank Furco

Signature

FRANK FURCO

Printed Name

Title

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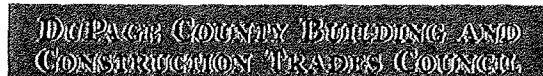


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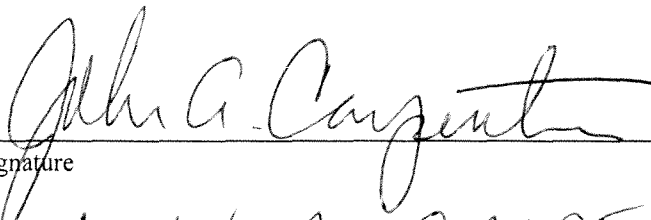
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MICHAEL STURINO
Printed Name

President, IRTBA
Title

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JOHN A. CARPENTER
Printed Name

PRES. & CEO, CHOOSE DURAGE
Title

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Dave Parulo

Signature

DAVE PARULO

Printed Name

PRESIDENT - MEET CHICAGO NORTHWEST

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