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WHEREAS: The Heartland Express, a four-lane road to connect Rapid City and Denver through Scottsbluff, has been planned for several years, and the corridor feasibility study is currently in progress, and;

WHEREAS: The legislation authorizing the Heartland Express was sponsored by the South Dakota and Nebraska congressional delegations, and has the support of a coalition of mayors from communities in South Dakota, Western Nebraska, and Colorado, and;

WHEREAS: The new highway, the Heartland Express, will be parallel to existing U.S. 85, a primary highway that is in some places within 30 miles proximity of the proposed Heartland Express, and;

WHEREAS; Highway 85 is designated a CanAm Highway connecting Texas and Canada, and;

WHEREAS: The enhancement of existing U.S. 85 as a direct route between Denver and Rapid City would be a more fiscally responsible use of federal tax dollars, and;

WHEREAS: The completion of the proposed expressway has the potential to divert a large percentage of the traffic currently using Highway 85, and;

WHEREAS: The current and future traffic on Highway 85 is critical to the economy of eastern Wyoming, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED: The entities listed below support the goal and work of the Highway 85 Coalition to promote U.S. Highway 85 as the most direct route between Denver and Rapid City, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We strongly encourage the Wyoming U.S. Congressional delegation, Governor Sullivan, the Wyoming Legislature, the Wyoming Department of Transportation, and the Wyoming Division of Tourism to upgrade and actively promote Highway 85 as an alternate route to the Heartland Express.

Weston County, Wyoming

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January 6, 1993

The Honorable Malcolm Wallop
U.S. Senator
Washington, D.C. 20510

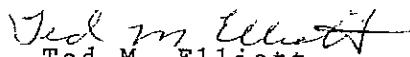
Dear Senator Wallop:

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The Honorable Craig Thomas
U.S. Representative
1721 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

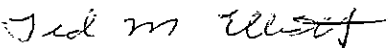
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261 Dirksen Building
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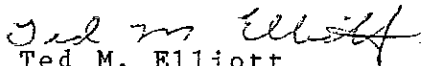
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The Honorable Mike Sullivan
Governor of the State of Wyoming
State Capitol Building
Cheyenne, WY 82002

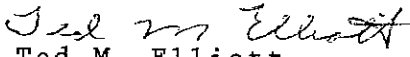
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Mr. Don Diller
State of Wyoming
Director of the Dept. of Transportation
Box 1708
Cheyenne, WY 82002-9019

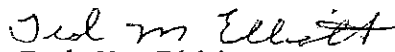
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Mr. Gene Bryan
State of Wyoming
Tourism and State Marketing Division
I-25 at Colledge Drive
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mr. Bryan:

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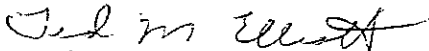
Lusk Chamber of Commerce
Lusk, WY 82225

Dear Sir:

The Weston County Commissioners have asked me to send a copy of the resolution they adopted in support of U.S. Highway 85. Copies of the resolution and letters were sent to the United States Congressional Delegation, Governor Sullivan, State Department of Transportation, and the Division of Tourism.

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