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Dear Mr. Olson,

I am writing to request further review and consideration concerning the US Highway 2/Michigan Bypass project. It is my understanding that the move from 4 access points to the city of Michigan to 2 points would constitute a safety issue for the citizens of that city as well as the facilities and businesses that use those access points.

I won't take your time in reiterating the same issues other have already corresponded with you about. But my concern is the issue of safety. Has a safety survey been completed? If not, what is driving the move to 2 exits/entrances off Highway 2?

The city of Michigan has determined that a much better solution would be to add turning lanes to the already existing access points. It seems that removing 2 exits would add costs that could be better spent making turning lanes.

I ask you to reconsider this project, continue dialogue with the city of Michigan to find a mutually agreeable solution, and present a new proposal for approval.

North Dakotans pride themselves in working together for the best possible outcome. I certainly encourage you and the city of Michigan to work together for a positive outcome to this important project.

Sincerely,

Senator Joan Heckaman
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