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Governor Steven L. Beshear
State Capitol
700 Capitol Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Governor Beshear,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors, I request that you approve HB 407, the Public, Private, Partnership legislation. KAHC membership of more than 290 member companies represent highway construction contractors and suppliers of materials and services to the transportation construction industry. These companies employ thousands of workers who can be employed by the projects made available by HB 407. The need for innovative solutions to potential projects in the Commonwealth will be a result of the implementation of this legislation. The oversight provided in HB 407 will alleviate the concerns that have been expressed by a few opponents. The benefits of this legislation far outweigh the concerns.

The problem with the inclusion of the "no tolls in Northern Kentucky", specifically related to the Brent Spence bridge project is unfortunate. However, this limited, specific situation would have occurred in some form on other legislation. The balance of the Commonwealth should not be deprived of the ability to use the P3 benefit because of the shortsighted view by those who oppose tolls in Northern Kentucky. A solution to this opposition will occur if the project is to proceed at some future time.

KAHC has been an active supporter of this legislation and will continue to support it during whatever path the legislation takes. We believe however, it is in the best interest of the total Commonwealth for HB 407 to become law. We urge your approval.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Lovorn
Executive Director

CC: G. Michael Murphy, Scott and Murphy, Inc., Chairman of KAHC, 2014