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The Honorable Steve Beshear  
 Governor of the Commonwealth  
 State Capitol Building  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Governor Beshear,

As the 2014 session of the General Assembly nears a close, KBT would like to draw your attention to a specific bill that awaits your signature. HB 407, the legislation that will authorize public-private partnerships (P3's) in Kentucky, was developed with the strong support of a variety of civic and trade organizations, including Kentuckians for Better Transportation.

While we are aware of concerns regarding House Floor Amendment 2, we do not believe these concerns outweigh the overwhelmingly positive benefits of this legislation for the entire Commonwealth. Signing this legislation provides an opportunity for projects throughout the state to take advantage of P3's.

The benefits of P3's are extensive for the entire state. The needs at the state and local level continue to outpace available revenue. P3's provide the state and local governments a way to begin projects that might otherwise be impossible to implement due to lack of funding. That is why 34 states have already adopted this model, including each of our contiguous states.

Kentuckians for Better Transportation's mission is to educate and advocate for a safe and sustainable transportation network to improve economic development and quality of life. No other legislation passed this session is more closely aligned to our mission than HB 407. We urge you to sign HB 407 and allow the state and local governments to examine the benefits of P3's. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration and welcome the opportunity to speak with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Juva Barber  
 Executive Director

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