

April 1, 2014

The Honorable Steve Beshear, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky  
State Capitol Building  
Frankfort, Ky., 40601

Dear Governor Beshear,

On behalf of the Kentucky Network for Development, Leadership & Engagement (Kyndle), which provides business support and economic development services for Henderson, Union, Webster and McLean counties, I'm writing to urge you to sign House Bill 407 into law.

As you know, HB 407 creates for the first time an avenue for Kentucky to formally use public private partnerships to build and complete projects that benefit the residents of our state. Our organization, along with Chamber Leadership Initiatives for Northwest Kentucky (C-LINK), have been enthusiastic supporters of P3 enabling legislation for years now, primarily because both groups believe some form of P3 will be crucial in realizing the construction of Interstate 69's bridge over the Ohio River. Unlike our friends in Northern Kentucky, folks in Western Kentucky have long understood that if we want a large infrastructure project that would create economic development opportunities and the jobs that go with them, we need to help pay for it. We welcome the opportunity to use tolls, a common P3 funding tool, to help build the I-69 bridge. The project is that important to our region.

But without the passage of HB 407, I-69 and countless other infrastructure needs around Kentucky may go unfinished. I urge you to sign the bill, work with Northern Kentucky legislators in future General Assembly sessions to address their concerns, and allow projects throughout the rest of the commonwealth to move forward now.

I know how invaluable your efforts have been in the creation of I-69 in Kentucky. We are just a couple short years from seeing I-69 shields hung on the former parkways from Fulton all the way to Henderson, something many people thought would never happen in their lifetimes. The I-69 Ohio River bridge would be the final step in realizing that dream, and HB 407 will help us take that final step. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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