

SPOKANE COUNTY

OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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September 14th, 2009

RE: Support for the PCC TIGER Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to convey my support for the TIGER grant application submitted by the Palouse Coulee City Railroad Authority for the rehabilitation of these rail lines. This transportation network provides a vital link for commodities produced in the region to markets though out the world, and also for raw materials to supply the industrial area west of the City of Spokane. It serves as a main artery from our Agricultural businesses to the world from Eastern Washington.

Investment in this infrastructure will allow for the continued use of this important resource, support rail dependent business and provide opportunities to further expand this energy efficient means of freight delivery.

Continued investment in this infrastructure is vital to the economic health and growth of Eastern Washington and the Idaho Panhandle.

Sincerely,



Mark Richard
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