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Darrell Mike, Tribal Chairman  
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians  
46200 Harrison Place  
Coachella, CA 92236

**RE: Surface Transportation Improvements - National Infrastructure Investments**

Dear Chairman Mike,

This letter formally expresses our support for the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians in their efforts to enhance surface transportation infrastructure within the Dillon Road corridor and the Thermal area near the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport. These critical improvements will not only strengthen regional connectivity but also stimulate employment opportunities, promote workforce development, improve job quality, and contribute to the creation of sustainable economic growth for local residents and neighboring communities.

Federal investment is essential to advancing these infrastructure projects, as it will reinforce intermodal transportation systems that directly impact the quality of life for residents across our region.

As a committed government entity, we remain dedicated to active engagement in initiatives that significantly affect our citizens. We fully support the success of these projects, which are poised to generate employment opportunities, attract economic development, and foster the growth of viable industries. Additionally, the enhancement of transportation safety—a key outcome of these projects—is of paramount importance to our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to continued collaboration supporting initiatives that drive progress and prosperity in our region.

Sincerely

Jan C. Harnik, Mayor  
City of Palm Desert