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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Room 10200
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

As one of America's leading providers of auto insurance, Farmers, Zurich and affiliates would like to register its support for the Wyoming Wildlife Corridors TIGER Proposal, specifically measured to substantially reduce wildlife - vehicle accidents on Highway 191. The number of auto accidents involving wildlife has increased dramatically over the past two decades and highway safety projects such as the Wildlife Corridor Proposal being advanced by the State of Wyoming represent an important step toward reversing this national trend.

The highway safety challenges posed by wildlife are real and substantial - last year alone there were over 1.8 million accidents involving motorists and deer. We firmly believe that highway crossing technologies, such as those featured in the Wyoming TIGER Proposal, offer tremendous opportunities to reduce wildlife - vehicle accidents a cross the Unites States. It is our hope that we can look to the Wyoming Wildlife Corridor Project as a model for future projects.

Again, we appreciate your leadership on improving highway safety and ask you to fund the Wyoming Wildlife Corridors TIGER Proposal. We also look forward to working with you on broader highway safety measures in the upcoming reauthorization of our nation's surface transportation programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Bill Martin
Senior Vice President