

The Honorable Roger Wentz, Mayor
City of Union Gap
102 West Ahtanum Rd.
Union Gap, WA 98903

Dear Mayor Wentz:

I am writing to express my support of the WSDOT South Union Gap Interchange Rebuild Project on I-82 and the Union Gap Beltway. Paragon Films is based in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and just this last year began production of stretch film at its new plant in Union Gap.

Paragon Films made a \$25 million investment in Union Gap after a national search to strategically locate a third manufacturing plant. Adding to existing production facilities in Oklahoma and North Carolina, Paragon Films selected Union Gap in part because of the quality of its road and rail transportation infrastructure. Paragon Films employs 24 people at its Union Gap plant. Our employees live all over the valley from Selah to Wapato including Union Gap.

Our business is located in close proximity to this proposed corridor and relies heavily on the shipping and receiving of freight and goods. The I-82 Interchange and Union Gap Beltway will give freight trucks alternate access to our plant and to the rapidly growing industrial and retail area of Union Gap and West Yakima. Currently all of our freight is channeled through downtown Union Gap and through the Valley Mall Blvd roundabouts. These projects will greatly increase freight mobility for our business and others in our area making further growth much easier for all of our businesses.

These projects not only create access to hundreds of acres of new land for development but also support existing investments such as ours.

You have my support in these projects, as they are crucial to the continuation of the economic growth and development of the greater Yakima Area. It is my hope they will be completed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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