January 13, 2014

Honorable Roger Wentz, Mayor City of Unon Gap P.O. Box 3008 Union Gap, WA 98903

Dear Mayor Wentz:

I am a regional developer and have shown an interest in a nine acre property located in Union Gap. One of our concerns is traffic flow especially concerning freight and distribution. During meetings with your city staff we expressed these concerns and learned of your proposed project to improve circulation. We are in strong support of the South Union Gap Beltway and the South Union Gap Interchange Rebuild Project on I-82. With these projects completed Union Gap will be a very attractive location for businesses involved in transportation and distribution.

Economic development is the life blood for many communities and competition is stiff. With the completion of these projects Union Gap will be highly competitive. The improvement of the mall area has brought additional traffic and the potential conflict between retail and industrial/distribution traffic. This project will diminish this conflict and should increase positive growth in the area.

Anything that the community can do to see these projects to a successful and timely completion will greatly benefit Union Gap.

Sincerely,

Chris A. Smith, principal

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