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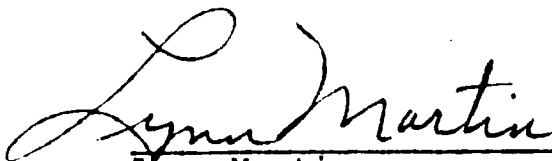
Dear Mrs. Secretary:

We want to express our enthusiastic support for the LaSalle-Peru bridge project, part of FAP-412, for which the Illinois Department of Transportation has requested \$33.2 million in FY 84 discretionary bridge funds (Section 122, PL 97-424). As the Representatives of Illinois districts affected by U.S. Highway 51, we request and urge your approval of the request submitted by the Illinois DOT.

As you know, Mrs. Secretary, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 includes specific statutory authority qualifying the LaSalle-Peru bridge for discretionary funding (Section 122(2)(c), PL 97-424). Facilitated by the commitment of \$10.4 million in FY 83 discretionary bridge funds, construction is well underway and progressing on schedule. With the approval of the Illinois DOT proposal for FY 84, the project could be completed by 1987.

We look forward to working with your Department in this regard, and we would be pleased to provide any assistance you might need. Please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



Lynn Martin
Member of Congress



Tom Corcoran
Member of Congress

September 14, 1983

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Michel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bob Michel
Member of Congress