

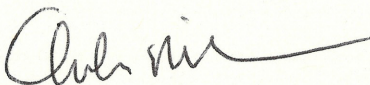


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The Texarkana Chamber of Commerce enthusiastically endorses the work of the I-49 International Coalition to secure funding and support for the completion of I-49. The Texarkana Chamber of Commerce has a long history of involvement and support for this critical project. In fact, one of our past Chamber Board Chairs, Curt Green, is the current Chairman of the I-49 International Coalition. We are committed to continuing to work together with the International Coalition in securing the completion of I-49.

It is difficult to imagine a more significant project for the City of Texarkana, Western Arkansas, the State of Arkansas, and for that matter the nation's entire heartland. The completion of I-49 will allow for the safe, efficient movement of goods from New Orleans to Winnipeg Canada, providing the stimulus for economic growth and prosperity throughout the entire 1700 mile corridor. Its completion will allow all of us to take advantage of the expansion of the Panama Canal and its potential to create economic growth, jobs, and wealth creation for our region.

The completion of I-49 will also provide for a safe transportation route for the motoring public to explore the numerous attractions from Canada to New Orleans creating new and exciting tourism opportunities. For these and many other reasons the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce endorses and supports the continuing efforts of the I-49 International Coalition on behalf of all of us.

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