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November 24, 2009

The Honorable Jim Doyle
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Doyle:

We, the undersigned members of the Coalition to Save the Hoan, having held public hearings on the issue of re-decking the Hoan Bridge and having collected over 8,000 signatures of support, request the following:

1. Direct the Department of Transportation (DOT) to immediately commence the needed engineering study to obtain the actual cost to re-deck the Hoan Bridge.

2. Direct DOT to discontinue the planning for alternatives to the Hoan Bridge.

3. Provide funding for the re-decking of the Hoan in the next biennial budget.

We are presenting these items on behalf of more than 8,000 residents who have expressed their wishes. The Coalition has determined that the Hoan Bridge is vitally important to our south shore communities as well as the larger Metropolitan area of Milwaukee. This crucial transportation link has resulted in the largest growth in Milwaukee County. The Hoan is a vital link to Mitchell International Airport for the entire region. Wisconsin now ranks number one in manufacturing per capita. Our entire state depends on the Port of Milwaukee, which is the busiest port on the Great Lakes. The Hoan Bridge provides seamless ingress and egress to this port. The Hoan Bridge permits ships to move through the port without impediment while also allowing trucks immediate access to the interstate system in all directions.

Finally, if there are any further delays in the plans to re-deck the Hoan Bridge, it is imperative that elected officials be part of any discussion. This issue is of great concern. The Hoan Bridge is too important to our communities to have the discussions regarding the Hoan's future take place without consulting the elected leaders in the "watershed" of the Hoan. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signed by the following Coalition Leaders:

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