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Please accept this letter in support of the proposal of the Southern Oklahoma Development Association and the South-Central Oklahoma Transportation Planning Organization for the priority and funding plan of the replacement of the Roosevelt Bridge over Lake Texoma.

The Roosevelt Bridge, now eighty years old, is no longer adequate nor able to sustain the traffic demands or the various types of traffic needing access to it. It is functionally obsolete and at risk of structural deficiency and is now believed will not have another 20 years of useful traffic life. It is not believed that the bridge will hold up over the next 20 years to accommodate the socio-economic growth and development of south central and southeastern Oklahoma.

Four-line expansion of the highway is needed to increase load capacity. Replacement of the bridge is imperative to the improvement and capability of the U.S. 70 corridor to provide expected increase in traffic flow and freight movement across southern Oklahoma. Current structure and condition of the bridge constrains economic development, particularly travel and tourism and free flow of freight traffic.

For this reason, I strongly support a funding plan to prioritize and expedite the replacement of the Roosevelt Bridge for economic growth in my district and for the safety of those traveling the bridge.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bullard", written over a horizontal line.

Senator David Bullard
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