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Improving Infrastructure for North Texans Dear Neighbors, Every North Texan who

Collin County originally utilized Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

Improvement Program funds to construct these HOV lanes in 2007. These are

traffic and improve air quality, commonly located near cities with air quality

challenges. While constructed with good intentions of combatting congestion

north of Dallas, the US 75 HOV lanes do not work today as envisioned fourteen

years ago. Instead, they create confusion on the highway, are not utilized as

intended, are dangerous and expensive to maintain, and pose burdensome

challenges for law enforcement to manage. However, despite these many safety

and enforcement concerns, as a result of overbearing federal red tape and

minimal flexibility with CMAQ funds, Texas is currently unable to convert these

lanes back to general purpose lanes. I am continuing to actively work in

Congress to solve this issue. Alongside my fellow North Texas Representatives

Michael Burgess (TX-26), Colin Allred (TX-32), and Beth Van Duyne (TX-24), I am

pushing for language which would allow states and localities to do what is best

to manage roads in their communities. Specifically, these amendments focus on

giving states more flexibility over outdated projects that utilized past CMAQ

funding, including the ability to remove the HOV lanes on US 75 in Collin and

Dallas Counties. Each amendment passed the House on a bipartisan basis, and I

will continue pushing for these changes until they are signed by President

Biden. As your Representative in Congress, I look forward to continuing to work

to cut through bureaucratic red tape and improve our infrastructure for North

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