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Madison County Business League & Foundation

February 4, 2021

Mayor Gene McGee
Post Office Box 217
Ridgeland, MS 39158

Re: Commerce Park Corridor, Tougaloo College and Ridgeland, Mississippi

Dear Mayor McGee,

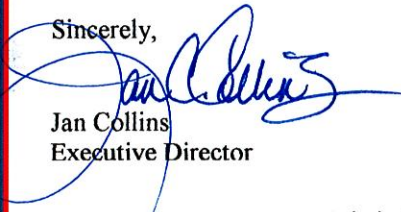
The mission of the Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCBL&F) is to bring together, under one organization, the voice of numerous entities in order to establish a clear and concise message for the future of Madison County and to serve as stakeholders for the Madison County Economic Development Authority. The MCBL&F enables all of its partners in business and economic development to participate collectively in bringing together the overall vision for Madison County.

In furtherance of that mission, the MCBL&F is proud to support the collaborative effort now underway between the City of Ridgeland and Tougaloo College to obtain funding to provide a connector road between the Lake Harbour Drive Extension and West County Line Road. This initiative will have a significant impact on South Madison County and the Jackson Metropolitan area for generations to come. The combined local, state and federal investment in this area will provide unparalleled improvements in access to areas west of I-55 and will promote safety, efficiency, enhanced quality of life, and economic development on a local and regional scale. The MCBL&F knows this is a lengthy process which includes the final development of a project through all the local, state, and federal NEPA requirements, right of way acquisition, and final design approvals, but one of the initial steps of this process is developing a funding plan.

The Commerce Park Connector road will promote the continued, orderly and deliberate growth that has been so impactful for Madison County and the surrounding region. Because of its potential impact to economic and community development for Madison County and the region, the MCBL&F is supporting the funding of this project.

The MCBL&F stands ready to provide assistance and support as the lead parties move forward with this project.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director

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