

Date

The Honorable _____

Office Address

United States House of Representatives or United States Senate

City, State, Zip

Subject: Interstate 11

Dear Representative _____ or Senator _____:

We need your help in the effort to bring the Interstate-11 Corridor into Mineral County. The economic health of all communities within Mineral County and the viability of the Hawthorne Weapon and Ammunition Depot (HWAD) depend on the Corridor going through Mineral county, not bypassing it.

Non support of the I-11 Corridor going through Mineral County will be devastating to the businesses of and ultimately all aspects of the communities here, as well as creating difficulty in the survival of HWAD in future BRAC campaigns. The communities within the county have struggled with unemployment rates of 10% and more due to mine employee reductions and closures. Non support of the Corridor will endanger the economic engine that HWAD is to our community, the state, and Homeland Security.

Located between Fallon and Tonopah, Hawthorne can provide refueling and lodging for motorists needing those amenities. Mineral County's proximity to the north-south traffic needs of California's Interstate 5 should not be overlooked. We are a central and scenic hub to all of the minor as well as major highways entering and leaving California. In addition, Mineral County, with its size, capability, and ability to expand offers storage facilities and transportation facilities that support the intertransmodal economic transportation plan. We have a railroad easement and rail bed south of Mineral County running from our line to the Tonopah area. Mineral County's Regional Planning Commission has been working with the approval of our Board of Commissioners on the I-11 Corridor project. The community is working effectively with the Walker River Paiute Tribe, the HWAD Commander and each other to proactively develop a right of way and come to a community agreement on its location.

I respectfully thank you for your support and help in the realization of this project.

Sincerely,

Name

Your Title

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City, State, Zip

Phone Number