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To whom it may concern:

The City of Pelham, Alabama is applying for a Railroad Crossing Elimination Program grant to fund the "Highway 52 flyover" project, and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office is in full support of the proposal. For many years, residents of Shelby County have been plagued with road blocks, delays, and accidents at the crossing on Highway 52 West in Shelby County.

Public safety is our number one priority. Getting to the scene of a call in a timely manner is of utmost importance to law enforcement, fire and medical personnel. Many times a few seconds can mean life and death. We do not ever want to be in a position that we cannot get to a scene because we are caught in traffic at a railroad crossing. A flyover at that particular location would be of great benefit not only to first responders but also to everyone travelling that road whether for business or pleasure.

While we realize the enormity of a project such as this, we also realize you cannot place a monetary value on a life saved. Anything we can do to prevent delays at this particular crossing that is so heavily travelled will be of tremendous benefit to us.

Please favorably consider the Pelham "Highway 52 flyover" project as you distribute grant funds.

Sincerely,

John Samaniego, Sheriff
Shelby County, Alabama

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