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Mr. Kenneth Barr
Chairman
NTTA
5900 W. Plano Parkway
Plano, TX 75093

Dear Chairman Barr:

As members of the Coalition of Minority Chambers and Contractors Associations, we thank you for your efforts toward effecting real change within the culture of the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA). The Authority's renewed commitment to greater transparency and equity go a long way toward addressing many of the concerns of this coalition, as well as those raised during the 82nd legislative session. We have no doubt that such achievement is owed in large part to your guidance and the collaborative efforts put forth by the NTTA's board and staff.

We understand that the NTTA has implemented a new ethics policy and amended its procurement policy in an effort to keep with that commitment. While we commend these initial changes, it is imperative that such progress continues and that it is delivered in measurable outcomes, particularly in the area of diversity. For example, under the existing procurement policy, a diversity score is factored during stage one of the procurement process; however, stage two includes no diversity score. We believe that by eliminating a diversity score from stage two, any meaningful opportunity for competition by D/M/WBE firms is significantly reduced.

We have no doubt that the changes to the procurement process will allow for greater competition for contracts. However, as the NTTA has pledged this year to revisit major procurements, many of which span years, the time for the Authority to emphasize and demonstrate its commitment to more diverse competition is now. We ask for your help in ensuring that D/M/WBE firms are given the chance to participate in a process that is both transparent and equitable.

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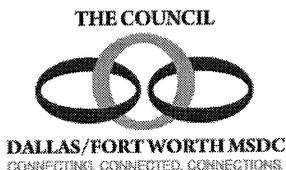
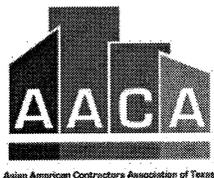
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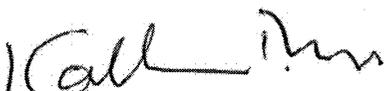
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As advocacy groups for D/M/WBE's, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our concerns, as well as the initiatives of the NTTA. John Martinez, President of the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association (RHCA), will contact your office in the coming weeks to inquire about possible meeting dates. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact his office or any of us directly.

Respectfully Yours,


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