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Dear John:

On behalf of the Board and members of PlanSmart NJ, I would like to offer our support for the Transportation Investment Vision for Southern New Jersey. The DRPA's hard work in determining the best route has produced a superior plan – you and your team are to be congratulated. We are proud, in particular, that you are a member of our Board.

We believe that, in addition to the rail extension, the other proposed improvements – the Bus Rapid Transit along Routes 42, 55 and 676 and improvements to the NJ Transit 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station to Atlantic City line – will have immediate success in easing congestion, will attract new transit-oriented development, and will be an appropriate investment in expanding the growth capacity of the region.

PlanSmart NJ has over 41 years of experience in understanding how transportation investments can positively affect economic development. We have seen that both the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line and the River Line have resulted in billions of dollars of new investment appropriately located in Smart Growth locations. We look forward to seeing similar results of the Transportation Investment Vision, once it is implemented.

If there is anything that we can do to help you advance these projects, we are ready, willing and able to do so. We wish you well as you move ahead for the benefit of all New Jersey.

Yours sincerely,



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