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October 7, 2003

The Honorable Congressman Cliff Stearns
2227 Rayburn House Blvd.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Stearns :

The Alachua County Commission is requesting your support in obtaining an appropriation of \$12.5 million in federal transportation funds to enable the completion of the design and construction of S.W. 24 Avenue – S.W. 62nd Boulevard to be built as a four lane facility from Archer Road west to S.W. 20th Avenue in Gainesville.

This project is supported by Alachua County, Florida, the City of Gainesville, Florida, and the University of Florida. It is important to our community because the completion of this road will do several things for Alachua County. Most importantly it will reduce local traffic entering I-75 thereby improving the safety on this portion of the Interstate highway system. Secondly, improvements to this roadway will relieve congestion at one of our most dangerous and crowded intersections in Gainesville – S.W. 34th Street and Archer Road. Finally, the four lane roadway will create the East-West Connector envisioned in Plan East Gainesville community improvement project, by providing an east-west connector in Gainesville south of University Avenue. This project will serve to enhance the interstate highway system and improve transportation and promote economic development in eastern Alachua County.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 352-264-6900 or Randall H. Reid, County Manager at 352-264-6905.

Willing to Serve,

Rodney J. Long, Chair
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cc: Board of County Commissioners
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