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Dan McKee, Editor
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Dear Editor:

I would like to extend our appreciation to all those concerned citizens who recently wrote letters to the California Transportation Commission in support of the U.S. 101 Bypass of Willits. Approximately 500 letters of support were received by the Commission from Willits, Brooktrails and beyond.

This effort and the long years of effort by all have paid off. On June 7, the Commission approved \$60 million of State transportation funds, in addition to all funds previously programmed for the bypass. This is enough to ensure that construction moves forward.

The result of many years of professional planning, environmental studies, community input, and financial negotiations is a bypass design that perhaps no one will find entirely satisfactory. Yet it certainly will provide many benefits to the Willits and Brooktrails communities and to North Coast travelers on the 101 corridor.

On behalf of MCOG, thanks to all who helped secure this top priority transportation project for our region.

Sincerely,

/s/

Phillip J. Dow
Executive Director

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