

April 5, 2012

IL Rt 53/120 Blue Ribbon Council
c/o Michelle Graham, Illinois Tollway
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Dear Council Members:

On behalf of *[Company Name]*, I would like to thank the Illinois Tollway and the IL Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council on your work in evaluating and improving transportation in Lake County and beyond. The extension of Route 53 has tremendous importance to our current operation and ability to grow our business.

[Detail impact here, examples follows]

[Example 1: As a major medical product supplier, we have an extensive distribution network serving the Midwest. Due to our current travel routes and federal restriction on driver time be the wheel, our market is limited. With the construction of this extension and its resulting time savings, we anticipate our ability to serve Indiana, a new market which could bring ___ in revenues and employ an additional ___ people.]

[Example 2: We currently have 10 retail locations in the area which are supplied predominately by a distributor in Bolingbrook. Due to the circuitous routes our trucks must use to bring goods to our stores, there unnecessary costs in time travelled, fuel usage and air emissions. We believe these costs would be reduced with the more efficient travel pattern created by the Route 53 extension. These costs reductions would be reflected in the cost of the goods we sell, bringing greater savings to our customers and profit to our operation.]

[Example 3: [Company Name] currently has 200 pharmaceutical sales representatives in the Cook and Lake County area spending over ___ man hours on the road. Creating a more efficient travel pattern through the Route 53 extension will eliminate approximately ___ hours in traffic congestion. This will bring a savings in fuel usage, man hours and will bring greater productivity to our sales force.]

[Example 4: [Company Name] is an electronics manufacturer located in Libertyville, IL. The majority of our production workforce of 100 travels south from areas to the north. Though located a short distance away, their commutes range between 30 minutes-2 hours based on traffic conditions. Their ability to come to work on time and in a calm mindset means a lot towards the productivity of our business. In addition, we believe our ability to tap top R&D staff from a larger geographic area could enhance our product line and business success.]

[Company Name] supports the extension of Route 53, and in keeping with our corporate strategy, encourage the Tollway to move forward with its construction in a sustainable, environmentally sensitive manner.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Please feel free to discuss this matter with me at (847) 918-2000.

Sincerely,
[Name, Title]

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