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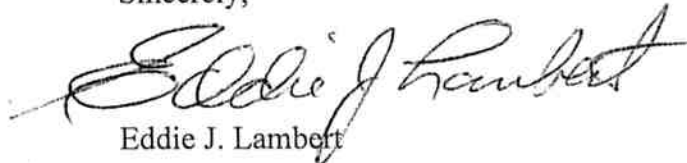
RE: US Hwy 61

Dear Juba:

This letter is to inform you that US Hwy 61 from its intersection with La Hwy 431/Hwy 30 to the East Baton Rouge Parish Line is deteriorating at an alarming rate. This stretch of Airline Highway is a major thoroughfare through Ascension Parish and one of the major connectors with East Baton Rouge Parish. This letter is a formal request for the Department of Transportation and Development to take immediate action to repair and overlay Airline Hwy. Under the current priority system as outlined in La R.S. 48:229, Airline Highway should be a top priority. No additional right of ways would be needed and the traffic volume is very high. Furthermore, Ascension is one of the fastest growing parishes in the State and the upgrading of the highway definitely contributes to economic development. In effect, this project meets all ten requirements of La R.S. 48:229.

I would appreciate your giving this matter your immediate attention and letting me know the status of my request so I can pass it on to my constituents.

Sincerely,



Eddie J. Lambert

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Cc: Mr. John Bradbury

(Secretary for Transportation and Development)

Mr. Roy Schmidt (District Supervisor)

Mr. Gordon Nelson