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Dear Ms. Andrews:

Thank you for your letter and comments on the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Governor Kernan forwarded your letter and comments to me so that I would include them as part of our study. I appreciate you taking the time to write.

Even though INDOT was not required to do so, INDOT established a 47-day period for the public to submit comments on the FEIS. This period went above and beyond the requirements of the law. INDOT voluntarily provided this additional period in order to give everyone one more chance to state their views before a final decision is made.

The I-69 project has had more than four years of exhaustive and comprehensive research and has been one of the most public processes ever on a highway project. I am satisfied that this project has gone above and beyond the requirements under the law.

I respect your position and I trust you understand that these are difficult decisions in which we must balance the interests of all involved. Thank you for submitting your comments as you deemed appropriate. Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Bryan Nicol".

J. Bryan Nicol
Commissioner

JBN/cp
Cc: Lyle Sadler, INDOT Project Manager