



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

August 28, 2012

The Honorable Jan Brewer  
Governor of Arizona  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Governor of Arkansas  
Little Rock, AR 72201

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Governor of California  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Denver, CO 80203

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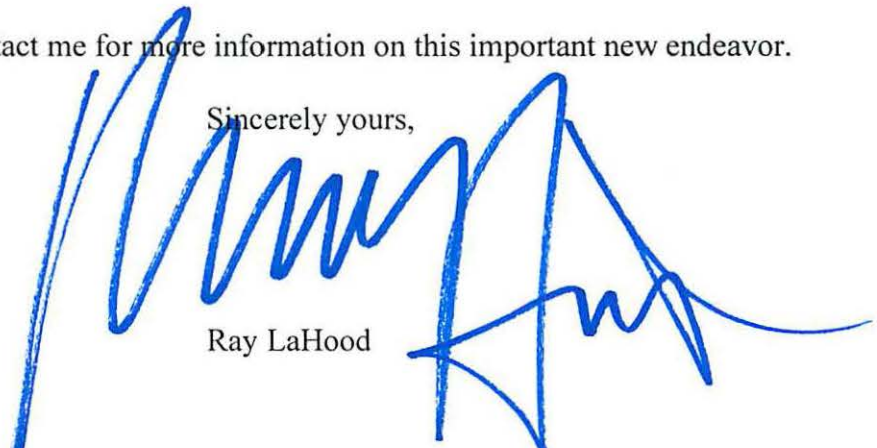
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Atlanta, GA 30334

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Governor of Hawaii  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Governor of Illinois  
Springfield, IL 62706

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Baton Rouge, LA 70804

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Annapolis, MD 21401

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Governor of North Carolina  
Raleigh, NC 27699

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Salem, OR 97301

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Governor of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Governor of Tennessee  
Nashville, TN 37243

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The Honorable Rick Perry  
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Austin, TX 78711

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Governor of Utah  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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Governor of Virginia  
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