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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Governor:

Please forgive me if this letter does not conform to accepted protocols for such correspondents. I am writing to you to inform you of my grave concerns about this proposed thru-way. I do not represent any interest group or civic organization. I have been a supporter of yours in the past and would like to continue to support you in the future. I must tell you however that if you support this project i will no longer be able to support you. It is my understanding that there was an environmental impact study done in the 80s which basically called this proposal an environmental nightmare. The only thing different today is the interest money behind this project. I listened to you last week on the Derrick McGinty show extolling the virtue of your "Smart Growth" initiative, which actually is a good idea. This freeway however is anything but smart. This leads me to beleive that your commitment is politically motivated rather than a real conviction. I truly hope this is not the case. The only reason for approval of this highway is to appease the developers,(some of whom are close friends and advisers of yours), not to alleviate traffic. Konterra is of no importance to me. What is important to me is maintaining the beauty and environmental integrity of Mont. Cnry and the state as a whole. Montgomery county put you in the governors house and will most likely decide whether or not you remain there. I appologise for the tone of this correspondence. I do however want to make myself clear. Not only will i not vote for you in 98 but i will work to see that you do not get re-elected. I do not make this statement lightly. I am 42yrs old and have NEVER voted Republican. The thought that i may have to is unpleasant. I am a DEMOCRAT at heart and always will be. I hope you will find the courage of your stated convictions and not support this project. We do not need more development in this beautiful part of the county. We need to better utilize the existing infrastructure in the core areas, closer in to town. Hmmm seems to me i've heard that before!!!

Sincerely
Richard Payette