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**Darshan S. Kang, MLA**  
Calgary-McCall Constituency

February 19, 2010

**To:** All Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

**From:** Darshan S. Kang, MLA  
Calgary McCall

Dear Colleague,

In late December of 2009, the City of Calgary and the Calgary Airport Authority signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the funding of a tunnel to be built under the Airport's new runway. The new tunnel is being built to facilitate a link between the eastern quadrant of the city and the Calgary International Airport. The tunnel can provide a future link between the North – East *C-Train* line and the Calgary International Airport. Barlow Trail, the current link between the Airport and the eastern quadrant of the city, is slated to be closed for the construction of the new runway. Thus a replacement is needed to serve the needs of this growing city.

However, the deal is a tentative one. According to the deal, the tunnel can only move forward if the federal and provincial governments agree to fund their portion of the project by March 1, 2010. (The City of Calgary and the Calgary Airport Authority have set aside 50 million dollars and 40 million dollars respectively for the tunnel). As such, the responsibility to display leadership on this issue falls upon our shoulders. Our support of this tunnel will put the necessary pressure on the federal government to provide its share of the funding.

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I hope that all MLAs, regardless of party affiliation, will do the right thing for the citizens of Calgary and support this tunnel. Without this tunnel, the City of Calgary will face increased gridlock, a worsening environment, a poorer quality of life and the provincial road known as Deerfoot Trail will remain a traffic hazard.

On behalf of the citizens of Calgary and Albertans using the Calgary Airport for their air travel, I thank you for taking the time to consider this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darshan'.

Darshan S. Kang, MLA  
Calgary McCall

- cc. Dave Bronconnier  
Mayor of the City of Calgary
- cc. All Aldermen for the City of Calgary
- cc. Devinder Shory, MP  
Calgary North East
- cc. The Honourable Jim Prentice, PC, QC, MP  
Minister of the Environment
- cc. The Honourable John Baird PC, MP  
Minister of Transport