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Mr. Jim Beason Chautaugua County Farm Bureau 230 East Main Sedan, Ks. 67361

Subject: Support for Improvements to K99

Dear Jim,

The purpose of this correspondence is to advise you of our support and appreciation for your efforts to initiate road improvements on state highway K99 between Sedan and Howard, Kansas. In many instances this particular stretch of highway is only a twenty-three foot roadway, lacks any shoulder, and has numerous areas where there are significant drop-offs from the pavement to the adjoining road base. These conditions, combined with a split second of inattentive driving, can result in dropping a tire off the road. When that occurs, a strong potential exists for a serious and possibly life threatening accident as the driver attempts to get their vehicle back on the roadway.

Consolidated Oil Well Services is acutely aware of the dangers on K99 as we have had drivers drop a wheel off the pavement and roll the vehicle they were driving. Fortunately, these were single vehicle incidents involving only our vehicles and did not result in a fatality. The outcome of these accidents could have been devastating. We are also aware of a number of other accidents, not involving our company, which have occurred during the past couple of years on this stretch of highway.

The current condition of K99 from Sedan to Howard, Kansas, as well as a couple of other stretches of K99, creates an unsafe condition for the general public. The traffic mix along this corridor includes passenger vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, emergency vehicles, and school buses. The potential for serious injury and loss of life is real.

Thank you again for your efforts and know that because of our experience on these roads and our unwavering commitment to public and employee safety, we strongly support your road improvement initiative.

Sincerely.

Steve Stanfield - President