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Dear Friends:

Thank you for inviting me to join you today for yet another exiting chapter in our efforts to secure a four-lane Highway 20 across Iowa. Unfortunately, as the Senate is still in session, I am unable to join you in person. However, I did want to convey my congratulations to you today.

I have long been in support of completing Highway 20 since I acquired federal highway funding for a study for improving Highway 20 in western Iowa in the late 1980's. Since that time, considerable funds have been earmarked for this project. But, given the high estimated cost of almost \$500 million, the key to completing Highway 20 is bringing formula funding to the project. I have been a strong proponent of increasing highway funding, and firmly believe that increased highway funding holds the best promise for completing this project.

In the meantime, we will celebrate the victories we accomplish, as we are doing today. It is my hope that someday in the future, we will meet again between Rockwell City and Merville and, looking east and west, see our shared dream come to fruition. Congratulations again on this accomplishment.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin  
United States Senator

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