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Dear Michael,

In mid August, I signed 'Representation to the Voters of the City of Tulsa' letter without modification. I signed the letter because I strongly agree that the proposed bridge raises serious concerns. Of particular concern to me are the impact upon infrastructure, the safety of schoolchildren and the possible destruction of the very integrity of the impacted neighborhoods.

My early opposition to the proposed bridge is substantiated and grows stronger. Having had many conversations with you and others over the last several months, I'm sure that the strength of my conviction comes as no surprise to you. I drove around the area during Friday afternoon rush hour and also on a quiet Sunday afternoon to fully inform my decision.

Before the end of August, I expanded my examination of the ramifications associated with construction of the proposed bridge. **Thorough examination indicates all Tulsans are negatively impacted by the proposed bridge.** For weeks I have enumerated the negative impacts to individual citizens and to small groups. Further, I have directly communicated my opposition to the leadership of the Creek Nation.

I want to take this opportunity to re-iterate my concerns.

As Mayor, I will always place the interests of Tulsa and Tulsans first. Here are two of my serious concerns about any bridge built at any location on 121st street or 131st street between Riverside and Sheridan.

1.) Tulsa would have its tax base diminished.

Bixby and Jenks' tax base would increase at Tulsa's direct expense. I want both Bixby and Jenks to thrive, grow and expand their economic base. I am for co-ordinated efforts between Tulsa and the surrounding communities to save taxpayers of the entire metro area money by eliminating duplicated services and by taking advantage of efficiencies gained through economies of scale. But, **I refuse to endorse any proposal that has Tulsa and Tulsa taxpayers losing our economic base to provide growth for the outlying communities.**

2.) Tulsa taxpayers would be taxed to cover the costs of related infrastructure. Every resident of Tulsa would bear the burden of as much as a hundred million dollars in infrastructure costs necessary to handle the increased traffic congestion.

Please feel free to pass along my comments.

Sincerely,

Tom