Dear Administrator Mendez,

I’d like to express my concerns about the Coalfield Expressway, Section II, road project proposed for Southwest Virginia. The Virginia Department of Transportation’s Environmental Assessment for the road project fails to adequately disclose the project’s significant environmental impacts, as well as ways to avoid those impacts. I also ask that VDOT and FHWA consider alternative methods of economic development, fostering genuine quality of life for all be considered for the Southwest Virginia area.

I’m requesting that a new or supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) be completed to fully and accurately assess the potential impacts of this project — including the connected coal mining operations, the project’s impacts on forest and wildlife habitat, the impacts to area streams and wetlands and negative economic impacts for local communities bypassed by the planned route.

Sincerely,

89,384 concerned residents asking you to do the right thing