



# Jennifer Shilling

WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR  
32ND SENATE DISTRICT

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Mr. Matthew Logan  
1822 Jenifer St.  
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Mr. Logan,

This letter is in response to your request under the state's Open Records Law for "materials that demonstrate the 11 major highway expansion projects currently in the Governor's proposed budget have a statewide net-positive economic benefit" as implied in Senator Shilling's statement that "a strong, safe and reliable transportation infrastructure is critical for boosting economic development and creating good-paying job opportunities in Wisconsin."

I interpret this request to pertain to records in the custody of Senator Shilling's office that are similar to the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance study you reference in your request. A search of the records of our office indicates that we have no such records in our possession.

For your reference, one example of a publicly-available document that discusses the economic benefit of transportation infrastructure investment on the federal level is the report by the White House Council of Economic Advisors titled "The Economic Impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Five Years Later, Final Report to Congress" released in February 2014. In that report, the Council on Economic Advisors states that "a modern and effective transportation infrastructure network is both necessary for the economy to function and a prerequisite for future growth."

Thank you for your request.

Sincerely,

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