Page 233, after line 17, insert the following new section:

SEC. 1431. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING INTERSTATE 73 CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION COMPACT.

It is the sense of Congress that the entering into of an agreement or compact by 2 or more States, for cooperative effort and mutual assistance, would be beneficial to the development of an Interstate 73 corridor. Such an agreement may incorporate the following elements to the extent that such elements are consistent with Federal law and specifically section 1105(c)(5) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991:

(1) Study, development, and promotion of a plan for the design, construction, financing, and operation of the Interstate 73 corridor through the States of South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and Michigan.

(2) Coordination of efforts to establish a common legal framework in all the signatory States to authorize and facilitate design, construction, financi-
ing, and operation of the Interstate 73 corridor or through public-private partnerships.

(3) Advocacy for Federal funding to support the establishment of the Interstate 73 corridor.

(4) Making available to the Interstate 73 corridor project funding and resources that are or may be appropriated by the signatory States and allocated for that purpose.

(5) Doing all things necessary or convenient to facilitate and coordinate the design, construction, financing, and operation of the Interstate 73 corridor to the extent that such plans and programs are consistent with Federal law and the laws of the signatory States.