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November 15, 2023

Dear ASHE National Conference Committee:

I am pleased to write this letter to support the 2027 ASHE National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. I am thrilled with the partnership formed between the ASHE Bluegrass, Derby City, and TRIKO Valley sections and have committed the participation of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) to assist with hosting the event. KYTC has members in all three sections willing to work on the committees in planning and hosting your visit.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Louisville have wonderful activities to offer the conference attendees, including Churchill Downs, our infamous Bourbon Trail, and many other adventures. We're known worldwide for our hospitality and we feel confident the conference participants will enjoy time spent in Louisville, Kentucky.

As an active member of the ASHE Bluegrass Section, I look forward to networking with other highway engineers from across the country and sharing the exciting transportation infrastructure projects we are working on in Kentucky and Ohio, particularly the Brent Spence Bridge project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Ballinger".

James Ballinger  
State Highway Engineer  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet