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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write to support an application from Brown County, Wisconsin, for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to help fund the State Trunk Highway 29-County Highway VV Multimodal Interchange Project.

This project will result in improved mobility and safety for county residents. The proposal includes replacing County Highway VV intersections with roundabouts at the ramp terminals and nearby intersections, an improvement needed for safety and ease of access on the roadways. Additionally, this project's new interchange will allow for greater accessibility to the Hobart and Howard communities and as a result, improve economic growth opportunities for residents of both Hobart and Howard, as well as the surrounding areas.

In addition to transportation benefits, the project will enable fiber/broadband extension to rural Brown County. This extension will facilitate economic development and job creation, improve accessibility in Pulaski schools, and enhance emergency responsiveness to the area.

The proposed STH 29-County Highway VV interchange project's total cost is \$27,828,150, and will utilize a combination of federal, state, county, and municipal funds. I ask that you take this into consideration when evaluating the State Trunk Highway 29-County Highway VV Interchange Project as requested. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to reach out to Matt Tucker in my Washington, D.C. office at matt.tucker@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your time and dedication to such an important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Gallagher", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Gallagher
Member of Congress

cc: Derek Kan, Under Secretary for Policy