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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection BUILD grant application submitted by the Gallia County Engineer's Office. The Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection is a joint project between the Gallia County Engineer's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation to develop a "smart" corridor in the Southeast Appalachian Ohio region.

The creation of this corridor will increase the parking capacity for commercial trucks resting, providing a much needed stopping point for trucks, and ensuring the safety of the public and drivers in the region. This project will also include the installation of fiber optics, supporting the high tech industrial development and trucking industry expansion in the Southeast Appalachian Tri-state area.

In conclusion, I support the Gallia County Engineer's Office BUILD grant application for the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection. This project will ensure the safety of the public and drivers, while creating job opportunities and development in the Southeast Appalachian region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Peterson".

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