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Secretary Elaine L. Chao US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington DC 20590

Dear Ms. Chao,

On behalf of the Gallipolis City School District, we unreservedly offer our support for the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection grant for which the Gallia County Engineer is applying. This project would mean significant improvements for our community. Our area has a high unemployment rate, and this project would create job opportunities and help with job retention. Our region has seen a substantial drop in population over the past few years, which has had a negative effect on education as a whole. These new opportunities for employment would draw families. If granted, this funding also would enhance our educational resources for science, technology, art, and math programs.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at (740) 446-3211.

Sincerely,

Craig Wright Superintendent

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