



July 19, 2018

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

Re: **Local funds commitment and support letter for the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection BUILD Project**

Gallia County is the lead applicant in submitting the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection Project. Gallia County through the Gallia County Engineer is committing **\$2,165,600 million local match** to the project with this letter. The project will provide the needed connectivity and technology needed in Appalachian Ohio to compete locally, regionally and nationally.

The project is supported by both public and private entities at the county and state level. Public support has grown further with the project being presented and discussed in many venues and public meetings as well with regional media including television news, newspapers, radio shows, social media, etc.

Gallia County fully supports this project and we humbly request your consideration in approving this BUILD grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Brett A. Boothe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brett A. Boothe, P.E., P.S.
Gallia County Engineer