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Secretary Elaine L Chao  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary,

I am a lifelong resident of Gallia County, Ohio and a local business owner since 1990. My real estate business was established in 1943 by my grandfather and is one of the oldest businesses in town.

Gallipolis is a quaint, quiet village along the Ohio River rich in tradition, culture and people. We have had our struggles, like any small town, but have persevered through the tough times.

We have a fantastic regional hospital (over 120 physicians), a large agricultural community and several manufacturing industries. We have an active Chamber of Commerce, CIC (Community Improvement Corporation) and Downtown Digital River Project as well as several other civic and cultural organizations that work hard to keep Gallipolis and Gallia County moving forward.

However, as with most metropolitan areas, cities, towns and villages federal assistance is necessary to sustain the momentum. We have an extraordinary county engineer who has identified a project that will greatly affect our area that requires federal funding.

The project to finish the extension of Farm Road into Gallipolis would greatly alleviate flooding and traffic issues along current State Route 7 and provide a more direct route into downtown. This area has been subject to numerous floods, sometimes annually, that cause great difficulties to industry and local businesses.



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Additionally, the rest stop on US 35 is a traffic hazard as trucks park along the entrance making it dangerous to enter the rest area. The idea of a counter showing how many spots are open enhances safety and congestion. Adding charging stations for commercial and passenger vehicles only makes sense to keep pushing the envelope in preparation for future technology.

Please give this project your utmost consideration. It means a lot to this community and our area. Please help us keep Gallia County growing.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Wiseman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent than the last name "Wiseman".

David Wiseman  
Broker/Owner

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