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Letter of Support: Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project

Elaine Chao,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project grant submission. The University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College services many Gallia County residents and employs a significant number of people in the county. The replacement of 130 miles of stone/dirt roads within the county will have a significant impact on the quality of life of those living in these areas. Accessibility to work, education, and medical treatment are imperative. The current state of these roads create a great number of hazards and difficulties.

Resurfacing these roadways will greatly enhance the lives of area residents. We fully support the initiatives within this grant proposal and appreciate full consideration of appropriation of funds for our county.

Sincerely,

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