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July 12, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

I write today in support of a project of the Gallia County Engineer, the Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project. According to the Appalachian Regional Commission, this project would raise the quality of life for “at risk residents” by replacing 130 miles of stone/dirt county roads with a hard surface using an innovative pavement design developed through a research project with Ohio University. The project will also provide main line fiber connections for secondary road vehicle testing, impacting over 400 square miles of Southeastern Ohio.

I support the application made by the Gallia County Engineer and ask that your office give this request every consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any further questions, please contact Juli Stephens at (740) 534-9431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Johnson".

Bill Johnson  
Member of Congress

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