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

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project BUILD grant application submitted by the Gallia County Engineer's Office. The Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project will raise the quality of life for "at risk residents" and will improve transportation conditions for the local farmers and tourists in the region.

The Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project will replace 130 miles of stone and dirt county roads with a hard surface designed by Ohio University. By replacing the stone and dirt roads, residents will have more reliable access to the community and will face less negative health effects from dust on the roads. The pavement of the roads will also create more stability for local farmers, who often face difficulty delivering their products when unpaved roads are closed.

In conclusion, I support the Gallia County Engineer's Office BUILD grant application for the Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project. This project will provide area residents with reliable access to their communities and will support agribusiness commerce and tourism in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Peterson".

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