



# *Gallia County*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ~ COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

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July 12, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

To replace 130 miles of stone-dirt county roads, with a hard surface, will definitely improve the quality of life for “at risk residents”. Many of those roads are frequently closed, stranding residents and limiting their access to jobs, schools and emergency needs, as well as necessary shopping and more. In addition, poor air quality exists along stone and dirt roads, with road dust causing severe health problems.

The Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project, proposed for our Southeastern Ohio region, is vitally important. If accomplished, it will also provide main line fiber connections, and support job creation and farming business. Access and connection of rural areas and farming communities, throughout the Southeastern Ohio region, with the rest of the State of Ohio, will be another important asset.

The Gallia County Chamber of Commerce is totally supportive of this project. It reflects the stated Mission of the Chamber, which includes promoting, supporting and strengthening business and economic development, throughout the County.

The Gallia County Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests the Nation’s Capital to approve this proposed investment in the Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project. Thank you for your positive consideration.

Sincerely,

Elisha Orsbon

Executive Director