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

Dear Madam Secretary,

Gallia County is rurally located in SE Ohio along the Ohio River. We boast around 31,000 inhabitants. We have a rich French beginning followed up by an influx of Welsh people who worked the coal mines, mills and foundries in the area.

While maintaining our heritage and culture we have always strived for improvement. We have one of the largest regional hospitals in the area with over 120 physicians. We also are home to the University of Rio Grande, a small liberal arts college which educates a majority of our teachers and nurses in the area. Also located in our area are several small industrial concerns and a large contingent of agriculture. Growth is slow; always has been. But we continue our efforts for improvement. We have a strong Chamber of Commerce, Community Improvement Corporation and Downtown Digital River Project that all work together.

Our county engineer has identified a project which would greatly improve travel, health and safety and our property values. It entails upgrading over 130 miles of gravel roads using an innovative design developed through a research project with Ohio University.

Being a lifelong resident and a Realtor for 35 years I know firsthand how gravel roads negatively affect an area. Property values are lowered. The roads are more dangerous, dust infiltrates the nearby houses creating a health hazard and the roads are subject to closures more frequently than hard paved roads.

The upgrade to paved roads, along with fiber optic lines would greatly enhance our real estate values, economic growth opportunities, business development and general quality of life.

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,

David Wiseman
Broker/Owner

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