



July 18, 2018

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

Re: **Local funds commitment and support letter for the Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project BUILD Project**

Gallia County is the lead applicant in submitting the Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project. Gallia County through the Gallia County Engineer is committing **\$2,160,000 million local match** to the project with this letter. The project will have ground breaking opportunities for the quality of life, economic competitiveness, and mobility of our region in addition to the many other benefits documented in the project application.

In order to show our level of commitment to the project, the \$2,160,000 million local match contribution is the largest local commitment Gallia County has ever given for any transportation infrastructure project.

The public, by and large is overwhelmingly supportive of the project. I have presented the project in public meetings including the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, Gallipolis City Commission, and Gallia County Community Improvement Corporation. Interviews with various media outlets including with newspaper, radio, and television, have been given.

Gallia County fully supports this project and we humbly request your consideration in approving this BUILD grant application.

Sincerely,

Brett A. Boothe, P.E., P.S.
Gallia County Engineer