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

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to express my support for Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe's application for the BUILD Grant. I feel that the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection project is worthy of the funding.

With the opening of the world's largest autonomous and connected vehicle testing facility, plans to study the use of drones to monitor traffic and the launch of its DriveOhio center, Ohio is positioned to be a leader in smart mobility.

The Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection project is key in advancing these efforts in rural areas. The smart corridor that will be developed in the southeast Appalachian Ohio region will result in increased infrastructure efficiency, improved safety for truckers and connectivity to areas along the Ohio River.

Thank you for considering the application, and for offering this outstanding opportunity for rural areas to enhance their infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darla Miller".

Darla Miller
Deputy Director
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