

July 13, 2018

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



Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing this letter in support of the efforts to obtain grant dollars for the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection Project through the Gallia County Engineers Office in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Funding approval for this project will provide Gallipolis and Gallia County infrastructure efficiency and access to the largest river port east of the Mississippi River and Rail to other states. In addition it contributes to the safety of those within the trucking industry providing them with safe and proper areas to rest per the U.S. Department of Transportation's 10 hour drive-time maximum requirement. It will also ensure the safety of other drivers on the highways.

Commerce transportation through Gallia County, Ohio is vital for business and economy, this project will allow us to expand in job and population growth in the industrial and manufacturing sectors. There are many benefits to a project such as this as the much needed revitalization and growth of Gallia County and Gallipolis. It is with much appreciation that you consider the Smart Connection Project and see its potential to improve economic growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Crouse".

Amanda Crouse  
Executive Director  
Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau