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

Subject: Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

Enhancing the quality of life for our residents by ensuring we have safe, paved roads in Appalachian Ohio is the catalyst that will give our County the ability to keep small town America full of vitality. So that our residents are afforded the opportunity to have improved access to both bricks and mortar stores right here in our own community as well as opportunities in e-commerce for those needed items that are not available in our county, it is imperative that our infrastructure, specifically roadways and internet access, are enhanced for not only the day in age in which we live, but for future growth if small town America is to endure.

As a local business owner, I prefer that our County residents have a pleasant driving experience while traveling to shop at area brick & mortar stores as compared to these same residents shopping online; however, attracting more educated people to our area includes access to both, with this goal being uniformly achieved by better roads, along with expanded broadband access. This grant would allow anyone living in our County the ability to be able to communicate with the rest of the world, allowing us to attract a resident that we currently cannot due to our limited infrastructure, still comprised of gravel roads and NO internet access in most parts of the County.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Jenkins
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