

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 29, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

As a delegation, we write to support the Indiana Department of Transportation applications for the following Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grants:

- Interstate 70 (I-70) land expansion and safety improvement project in Hancock County
- U.S. 31 Improvement Project in Franklin, IN
- U.S. 36 Lane Expansion and Safety Improvement in Avon, IN

Indiana is known as the Crossroads of America with nearly 12,000 miles of highways and more than 4,000 miles of rail lines within our borders. Recently, Indiana has taken responsible actions to ensure that its state-level infrastructure program serves the needs of Hoosiers and all Americans who traverse the state each day. In 2017, our state implemented a long-term transportation plan that fully funded maintenance and construction on existing highways for at least the next 20 years, provided funding certainty for transformative projects like the extension of Interstate 69 from Indianapolis to Evansville, and provided significant increases in funding to local governments for city, town and county road projects. Federal funding through these BUILD grants will ensure that these critical corridors are able to continue facilitating national commerce.

Our state's strategic location serves regional, national, and international markets; and Indiana's transportation system has a significant impact on global freight movement and our nation's output and productivity. Support for the aforementioned expansion and improvement projects will improve highway safety in the region, reduce congestion, and support economic development across Indiana.

We request you give Indiana's submissions your full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Todd Young
United States Senator



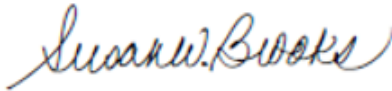
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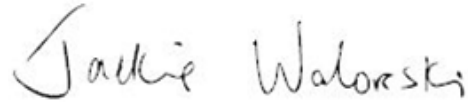
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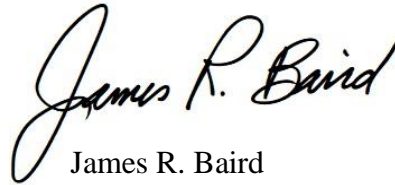
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