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Butler County, PA

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

RE: **Gateway 228 Project**
        Butler County, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Buffalo Township, I would like to convey our support for Butler County's funding request through the U.S. Department of Transportation Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program for the Gateway 228 Project. This multi-jurisdictional transportation initiative will address critical transportation challenges along Butler County's most heavily-used corridor, Route 228.

Located in southeast Butler County, Buffalo Township is a rural community comprised of approximately 7,000 residents. Route 228 runs through the northwest portion of the Township until it meets PA Route 356. Over the last few years, Butler County, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation have coordinated improvements to Route 228 from Clinton Township east to Buffalo Township. Recognizing the impact of transportation improvements along Route 228 to socio-economic development in Buffalo, the Township strongly urges your favorable consideration of the County's BUILD request. Route 228 is the artery through which Butler County's economy pulses, and the requested funds are critical to the vitality of our community, and the region's business climate and tourism sector.

Buffalo Township is pleased to offer its support for the Gateway 228 Project, and asks for your favorable consideration of Butler County's funding request. Should you have any questions regarding our support for this transportation initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me at (724)-294-0109. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Zampogna, Chairman
Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors