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

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Clinton Township, I would like to express our support for Butler County's funding request through the U.S. Department of Transportation – Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program for the Route 228 Economic Investment Corridor Project. The requested funds support a multi-jurisdictional transportation initiative that will enable economic development in rural communities along Route 228 in Butler County, Pennsylvania. Gateway 228 is critical to creating a safe, reliable transportation system that serves our residents, businesses, schools, and local amenities.

Situated on the Allegheny County line, Clinton Township is a rural community with approximately 3,000 residents. The atmosphere of Clinton Township is agricultural; however, there are several commercial and industrial destinations in our community that are accessible by Route 228. As the primary transportation link between Clinton Township's rural neighborhoods and employment destinations to the west, Route 228 plays a significant role in the quality of life for our residents. Particularly, Route 228 is the primary access point to Victory Road Business Park, a major employment hub in Clinton Township. The capacity and safety of Route 228 directly impacts accessibility and mobility to jobs, schools, commercial destinations, and healthcare services.

The Gateway 228 Project will improve the safety and capacity of the primary commute route for our residents, and Clinton Township is pleased to offer its support for Butler County's BUILD request. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me at (724)-352-9000. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy B. Allen".

Kathy B. Allen, Chairwoman
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors