



July 19, 2018

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:

FBC Chemical Corporation is proud to offer its full 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 Gateway 228 Project. The requested funds will ensure there is sufficient capacity to safely and efficiently accommodate the movement of goods between Butler County and the region.

Since 1968, FBC Chemical has been a leader in and has been a full service, family-owned and independent chemical distributor with warehousing operations in Lancaster, New York; Mars, Pennsylvania; and Medina, Ohio. Transportation infrastructure projects, such as the Gateway 228 Project, allow small businesses to thrive in an increasingly competitive business environment. Numerous Butler County small businesses stand to benefit immensely from Gateway 228's proposed roadway improvements. When Butler County's small businesses thrive, so do Butler County residents.

FBC Chemical Corporation, recognizes the profound impact the Gateway 228 Project will have on Butler County businesses and residents, we offer our full support for Butler County's funding request. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Christopher J. Hudac", is written over the printed name.

Christopher J Hudac

Secretary Treasurer

FBC Chemical Corporation