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State Route 228
Gateway Project
Butler County, Pennsylvania

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Engineering District 10, I would like to convey my 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. A successful BUILD grant will allow Butler County to improve safety and capacity, and create new opportunities for access to rural areas along one of the busiest corridors in Butler County, State Route 228.

PennDOT District 10 is responsible for this Project as part of the state-maintained transportation network across Butler County and its neighboring counties of Armstrong, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson. Extending from Route 989 (Dunlap Hill Road) in Freedom to PA Route 356 in Buffalo Township, Route 228 is the primary transportation artery connecting rural and suburban residents to employers, enabling movement of people and freight, and providing access to the region's key destinations. This multi-jurisdictional transportation priority will address several critical challenges specific to rural communities such as inadequate roads, lack of access, and traffic congestion.

The Gateway 228 Project is a pivotal investment to improve connectivity, capacity and mobility for the County's communities, and we thank you in advance

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for your favorable consideration of Butler County's funding request. Should you have any questions regarding our support for this critical transportation initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me at 724.357.2806.

Sincerely,



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District Executive
Engineering District 10