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

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing on behalf of PPG in support of the funding request of Butler County, Pennsylvania, 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 would support the necessary capacity to safely and efficiently accommodate motorists along Route 228 from rural and suburban neighborhoods to employment, health care, and commercial destinations.

At PPG, we work every day to develop and deliver the paints, coatings and materials that our customers have trusted for 135 years. Through dedication and creativity, we solve our customers' biggest challenges, collaborating closely to find the right path forward. With headquarters in Pittsburgh, we operate and innovate in more than 70 countries and reported net sales of \$14.8 billion in 2017. We serve customers in construction, consumer products, industrial and transportation markets and aftermarkets.

Additionally, PPG is an employer of over 3,000 Pennsylvanians, and employs hundreds of Butler County residents with family-sustaining manufacturing jobs. PPG's presence in the area also provides indirect employment to numerous service and manufacturing-sector employees.

**PPG recognizes the regional impact of the Gateway 228 Project, and offers 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 consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryan Iams  
Vice President, Corporate and Government Affairs