



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

July 11, 2018

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

RE: Gateway 228 Project Butler County, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in support of 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. The requested funds will support a \$268.2 million, multi-jurisdictional initiative to coordinate roads and infrastructure investments for development.

Quality infrastructure is the backbone of socioeconomic development. Due to its rural setting, Butler County's economy is heavily reliant on the quality of transportation system, particularly roads and highways that provide access to jobs, facilitate the movement of people and goods, and impact business retention and relocation. Route 228 is the primary transportation corridor connecting residents to emerging employment opportunities in the region, including Shell Company's planned ethane cracker plant in neighboring Beaver County.

I fully support Butler County's funding request for the BUILD Discretionary Grant Program and know that it will bring tremendous benefit to the Butler County economy. Thank you for your consideration of this important transportation initiative within my district. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staffer, Marci Mustello, at my Butler District Office at (724) 282-2557. Thank you for your time and kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress