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

RE: Gateway 228 Project, Butler County, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Seven Fields Borough, I would like to convey 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 Gateway 228 Project. The requested funds will be used to complete roadway improvements along Route 228, the primary transportation artery running through Seven Fields Borough.

Located in southwest Butler County, Seven Fields is a predominantly residential community encompassing one square mile. Most of the businesses and restaurants in Seven Fields are located immediately adjacent to Route 228. Due to the roadway's heavy use, improvements to capacity, access, and safety for motorists traveling the corridor is critical to the growth and quality of life of our Borough. A successful BUILD grant will ensure there is sufficient capacity to safely and efficiently accommodate the influx of users traveling Route 228 in the coming years.

The Borough of Seven Fields strongly supports the Gateway 228 Project, and asks for your favorable consideration of Butler County's funding request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Smith
Borough Manager/Code Enforcement Officer

cc: The Honorable Jennifer Sikora, President, Borough of Seven Fields Council
The Honorable Michael Baer, Mayor, Borough of Seven Fields
John Balewski, P.E., Borough of Seven Fields Engineer and Traffic Engineer

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