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

RE: Gateway 228 Capacity & Safety Improvements – Final Segments
Butler County, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express my support for Butler County's funding application through the U.S. Department of Transportation – the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Discretionary Grant Program for the Gateway 228 Capacity & Safety Improvements – Final Segments. Recently Butler County received a BUILD grant to complete a portion of the Route 228 Corridor and the INFRA funding will complete the missing link for critical transportation improvements along this area.

The Route 228 Corridor is a 24-mile economic link between expanding businesses and developments in southern Butler County. This area has experienced immense growth in recent years and has become one of the fastest growing communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Shell Chemical's \$6 billion ethane cracker plant in neighboring Beaver County is also a contributing factor to additional growth in the region. Improvements are vital to address significant transportation challenges along Route 228 including: inadequate capacity, safety concerns, and the lack of direct access to key employment centers, schools, and residential neighborhoods. A reliable and safe roadway network is vital to the economic development and job growth to southern Butler County. The requested funding will create new opportunities to connect rural residents to suburban employment centers, impacting the flexibility and mobility of the workforce.

As a State Legislator in the region and recognizing the regional impact of the proposed transportation improvements, I wholeheartedly offer my support of Butler County's funding application for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Discretionary Grant Program. A well-developed network and reliable road infrastructure are essential for economic development and job growth.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl D. Metcalfe".

Daryl D. Metcalfe
State Representative
Majority Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

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