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July 12, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

I write today in support of a project of the Gallia County Engineer, the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection. The engineer's office and the Ohio Department of Transportation are partnering to develop an east-west "smart" corridor in the Southeast Appalachian Ohio region. The project consists of: 1) adding an interchange along US Route 35 while utilizing an existing overpass bridge and four rest-area ramps and 2) developing a State Route 7 bypass route along Bob Evans Highway/Farm Road to alleviate costly impacts to businesses and residents from flooding.

I support the application made by the Gallia County Engineer and ask that your office give this request every consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any further questions, please contact Juli Stephens at (740) 534-9431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Johnson
Member of Congress

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