



The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary Chao:

Hope this letter finds you well and I thank you and all of our employees and families thank you for taking the time to read about our endeavor to redevelop Mound Road. Not only rebuilding a road will help but the good it will do to entire area corridor. The economic impact will be immense with an increase of numerous items including residential and business real estate values! Coming from a person who grew up one half mile from Mound Road since 1973 I've seen it grow to a manufacturing and warehousing powerhouse. The businesses along Mound Road are some of the best American companies in the business. With their dedication to this area and its population they need to be supported in a way for success.

The project is essential to stabilizing the bustling hub of activity that has an \$8.7-billion economic impact in Macomb County, in addition to billions of dollars statewide. A 10-mile radius of the corridor includes 80,000 jobs and growing supporting the automotive, aerospace, military defense and advancing manufacturing industries. Businesses in the area need the project because we are trying to attract business and customers and retain what Mound Road already has to offer.

Writing to you as a committee member for Mound Road safety was at top of the list. The redevelopment will include but not limited to smart street technology (autonomous driverless vehicle technology) with computerized traffic signal systems, real-time traffic speed monitoring, cameras, communications to signals and more. To quote Harry S. Truman in 1955 **"We all know that roads properly built to meet modern traffic conditions can help materially to reduce accidents. The saving of life and limb alone would justify the cost of modernizing our road system."**

We invite you to come to the area you will be impressed with all the investment that businesses have done after the great recession. You will not be impressed with the road condition which will make all the much sweeter when it's completed.

Sincerely,  
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