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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in support of the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant application being submitted by the Macomb County Department of Roads in Michigan.

Macomb County is partnering with the Cities of Sterling Heights and Warren to replace critical infrastructure and grow manufacturing jobs in the region. They will use this funding to implement the Mound Road Industrial Corridor Technology and Innovation Project.

The nine miles of Mound Road connecting to I-696 and State Route M-59 are a major industrial corridor with over 81,000 manufacturing jobs in a 10-mile radius. This area is home to vital national automotive, aerospace, defense, and advanced manufacturing installations including the Warren General Motors Technical Center, the Sterling Heights Ford Axle Plant, the Sterling Heights Chrysler Assembly Plant, and the U.S. Army's Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) and Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) facilities. This project will transform these nine miles into a next-generation commercial corridor - reducing congestion, improving freight movement, creating cutting-edge vehicle-to-vehicle technology and improving safety for employees, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.

I fully support the efforts of Macomb County and its partners to address the need for critical infrastructure and transportation improvements. I hope you will give their proposal strong consideration.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow  
United States Senator

