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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
400 7th Street, S.W.  
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Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to communicate General Motors' support for a joint application by Macomb County and the Cities of Sterling Heights and Warren, Michigan, for a FY 2017 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery ("TIGER 9") grant and a FY 2018 Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-Term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant for the Mound Road Technology and Innovation Corridor Project.

General Motors is in the midst of a \$1 billion redevelopment of its Warren Global Technical Center, which will enhance its position as a mobility industry leader and employer. The roadway infrastructure leading to this world-class campus is sorely inadequate and even dangerous. The 9 miles of Mound Road that connect I-696 and M-59 are a major industrial corridor – with over 81,000 manufacturing jobs in a 10-mile radius - featuring vital national automotive, aerospace, defense, and advanced manufacturing installations, and also includes 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.

Estimated cost of the Mound Technology and Innovation Corridor Project is \$217.28 million. Consistent with the goals of the TIGER program, this transformative project will significantly improve the infrastructure – including next generation intelligent transportation systems deployment - on the Mound Road Corridor, thereby allowing workers and freight to move more efficiently through the corridor to the many nationally-critical employers located there. It will also improve access to alternative forms of transportation by constructing a contiguous bike/ped pathway along the corridor with links to nearby trails and add transit stops to the corridor.

I strongly support our local community leaders as they work to replace critical infrastructure and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Southeastern Michigan, an area that is working hard to maintain / attract vital manufacturing jobs. A strong functioning transportation infrastructure is critical to our success. Your favorable consideration of this regionally important grant application by Macomb County and Cities of Sterling Heights and Warren, Michigan is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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