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October 13, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
The U.S. Department of Transportation
1600 New Jersey Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I respectfully request your consideration of Stark, Carroll and Columbiana Counties' application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. The Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP) formed by these counties is seeking to expand the four lane highway project of U.S. Route 30 from Trump Avenue to Route 44 in Stark County.

Building and maintaining a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure is essential for Ohio to compete and create jobs, and Route 30 could serve as the primary artery in Ohio's "energy corridor" by connecting Ohio and Pennsylvania through the heart of the shale plays. The RTIP formed by these counties allows for public-private partnership as well as new avenues for generating local funds to complete this project. An expanded Route 30, through the assistance of this grant, would improve safety and also bring new economic activity vital to Ohio's 7th Congressional District and the region as a whole.

Thank you for considering the RTIP grant application. If you have any additional questions please contact my District Director, Tim Ross, in my Ashland office at 419-207-0650.

Sincerely,



Bob Gibbs
Member of Congress