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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC), has refining, pipeline, transportation, and gathering and processing operations located in and around the Canton, Ohio, area. MPC is writing in support of an INFRA grant application submitted by Stark, Carroll and Columbiana counties in Northeast Ohio, which have created a Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP) under Ohio law with the goal of expanding U.S. Route 30 to four lanes to the eastern edge of Ohio.

U.S. Route 30 is a four-lane commercial highway from Chicago to Canton, Ohio, and two-lane, winding and hilly country road for the 32 miles that takes it to the eastern edge of the state and the fringe of the Pittsburg market. This condition stifles economic growth and denies a four-lane thoroughfare through the northeastern counties of the Utica Shale energy development in Ohio. It also, inhibits the shipment of manufactured goods from Canton, and points west, to the Ohio River port at Wellsville, Ohio. With the exception of Cleveland, which sits on the shore of Lake Erie, Canton is the only major manufacturing city in Ohio without a four-lane highway access running north, south, east and west.

The first phase of the RTIP would be to bypass the city of East Canton, where heavy-traffic currently must navigate the downtown. It is a four-mile project estimated to cost \$90 million to \$100 million, while the entire project is estimated at \$800 million to \$1 billion. The INFRA grant sought by the RTIP would support the necessary first step.

In today's industrial growth environment, the three Northeast Ohio counties are working together under the RTIP to secure a local government funding source for Route 30. They also are working to create the conditions for a public-private partnership. While it is a monumental undertaking, the energy to move forward has never been greater.

MPC recognizes the tasks of maintaining, improving and modernizing the transportation systems in the United States is crucial and difficult work. For all the aforementioned reasons, we support the referenced INFRA grant application, and urge you to grant financial support to the first phase of Route 30 improvement east from Canton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brad McKain'.

Brad McKain,
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