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April 28, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Oktibbeha County/Mississippi State University, BUILD Discretionary Grant for
Fiscal Year 2020 Support Letter**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write in strong support of the Oktibbeha County/Mississippi State University application for 2020 BUILD Grant Funds. The funds will provide for improving Poor House Road from Hail State Boulevard to MS Hwy 25 and to complete a bicycle path along Hail State Boulevard. This project will enhance accessibility to the south campus of Mississippi State University from the Jackson, Mississippi metro area along MS Highway 25 to Poor House Road and on to Mississippi State University.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I trust that Oktibbeha County/Mississippi State University's application will be given due consideration for funding. Mississippi State University works in full partnership with Oktibbeha County on many projects. We pledge our fullest support for this effort as well. We look forward to contributing in every way possible to ensure this project's success.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Keenum
President
Mississippi State University

Office of the President