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May 7, 2020

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

**RE:** Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Project in Tipton, Iowa

Dear Madam Secretary,

I write to you today in my capacity as an Iowa Senator and in strong support of a proposed infrastructure project in Tipton, Iowa that is seeking BUILD grant funding from USDOT. This project — the **Highway 38 Improvements Project** — is of critical importance to safe and efficient transportation in our small-town community.

The Highway 38 Improvements project will:

- Increase pedestrian and motorist safety;
- Enhance streetscapes and encourage cleanup and other development;
- Improve pedestrian and recreational connectivity with recreational opportunities;
- Strengthen fire-protection capabilities; and
- Eliminate or reduce flooding and improve waste water collection and treatment.

As your office will see in the grant application, the **Highway 38 Improvements Project** is a well-planned priority and supported by community stakeholders. I encourage you to approve this application. BUILD funds will assist the City of Tipton and its partners in developing our area into a regional engine of economic growth, sustaining other small neighboring towns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zach Wahls". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Zach Wahls  
Iowa Senator