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Office of the Secretary of Transportation, USDOT
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD Transportation Discretionary
Grants)

Greetings,

On behalf of Cedar County, I would like to offer my full support of the Highway 38
Improvements project and the BUILD grant that the City of Tipton is applying for to help pay for
this critical project. As a City partner, we value any project which enhances connectivity within
the community as it surely leads to increased economic opportunity as well as improved quality
of life.

The Cedar County Courthouse is located on Cedar Street (Hwy 38) in the center of Tipton. Our
residents using the facilities travel to and from the Courthouse on Hwy 38, and have mentioned
to the Board on numerous occasions that the road is in desperate need of repair. The proposed
project will provide benefits to this community as well as the county in many ways mentioned
below.

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 important points-of-
  interest and recreational opportunities
- strengthen fire-protection capabilities
- eliminate or reduce flooding and improve waste water collection and treatment

You will see in the grant application, that the Highway 38 Improvements project represents a
planned-out priority and is supported by diverse partners who are eager to move forward with
implementation. For these reasons, I encourage you to support this application and assist the
City of Tipton and its partners in continuing the momentum to become a major regional engine
of economic growth. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Agne, Chairperson
Cedar County Board of Supervisors