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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 Prairie Hills Assisted Living and Memory Care of Tipton, 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 business partner, we value any project which enhances the quality of life in the community because that attracts and retains employees.

The Highway 38 Improvements project will:

- increase pedestrian and motorist safety
- eliminate or reduce flooding and improve wastewater collection and treatment
- improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity with important points-of-interest and recreational opportunities
- strengthen fire-protection capabilities
- enhance streetscapes and encourage cleanup and other development

Prairie Hills of Tipton is proud to provide the highest level of quality, care and value to our area seniors. Keeping our residents and employees safe is our #1 priority. The BUILD grant would ensure a safe walking and bike trail for our residents and employees. The additional lighting for this project would also add additional security and safety around our property.

The Highway 38 Improvements project represents a planned-out priority, is supported by diverse partners, and most importantly the project is design- and shovel-ready with all required approvals obtained and cash match ready to use. For these reasons, I encourage you to support this application and assist the City of Tipton and its partners in becoming a major regional engine of economic growth. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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