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

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Hazlehurst City School District, I am pleased to express our support for the Copiah County Board of Supervisors and the City of Hazlehurst in their efforts to secure a BUILD grant for the Copiah County Roadway Improvement Initiative.

It is our belief that the program will address a number of the county and city infrastructure needs that will improve motor vehicle transportation reliability and safety in our economically disadvantaged rural region. Their goal to create a safe and dependable network of safe-routes-to schools and points of basic needs will complement the two major goals: (1) create a fully connected and safe county transportation system that allows direct movement of citizens in rural areas to local points of basic needs, and (2) provide safe routes to local k-12 schools and local Community Youth Camps will greatly enhance the quality of life, safety, and economic viability of our region.

We would greatly appreciate your consideration of the Copiah County Board of Supervisors 2018 BUILD grant application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cloyd Garth Jr.", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Cloyd Garth Jr. /Superintendent