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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20003-3660

Dear Secretary Chao,

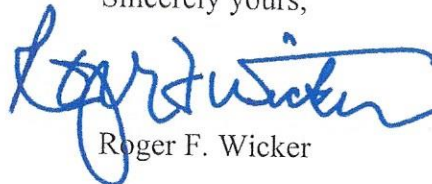
I would like to express my support for Copiah County's application for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant.

With funding from the Department of Transportation, Copiah County, Mississippi, intends to improve its infrastructure throughout the county and the City of Hazlehurst. Plans include the creation of a fully connected and safe county transportation system for residents. This project will greatly improve vehicle safety and reliability in an economically disadvantaged rural area in Mississippi.

I hope that you will give Copiah County's application every consideration. Should additional information be required from my office, please contact Mary Alice Browning of my staff at (601) 965-4644.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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