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Office of the Secretary of Transportation
Secretary Elaine L. Chao
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing today in support of Russell, Kansas's Transportation Reconstruction Plan and bid for funding through the Department of Transportation's BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

The community's Paving the Way to a Sustainable Future multi-modal infrastructure improvement project would enable the city of Russell to not only provide residents with improved streets and sidewalks, but would better connect the community's business and residents, allowing for safer and more efficient community-wide transportation.

Through this project, Russell community leaders aim to allow its community to continue to provide safe and accessible sidewalks and roads from its residential neighborhoods to downtown commercial district, thus enabling local development and revitalization. The investment of a BUILD Grant would be a boon for not only the city of Russell but smaller surrounding communities that rely on Russell's businesses and infrastructure for basic necessities. As the county seat, Russell is home to city and county offices and services that must remain accessible by residents of all ages and abilities.

I strongly encourage you to consider Russell as a recipient of a BUILD Grant and believe in the impact and importance of the investment for the community and continued prosperity of both its residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger W. Marshall".

Rep. Roger Marshall M.D