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May 12, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) program
North Carolina Department of Transportation
US 74 Corridor Opportunities for Rural Efficiency and Safety Improvement (CORESI)

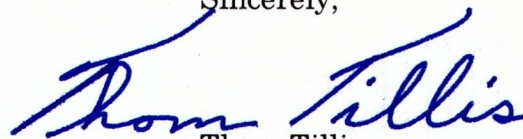
Dear Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to support the application submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for funding through the USDOT Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) program in the large project category.

It is my understanding that NCDOT's US 74 Corridor Opportunities for Rural Efficiency and Safety Improvement (CORESI) Project will address 330 miles of the US Route 74 corridor between Asheville and Wilmington to improve travel time, safety, infrastructure resiliency, and provide broadband fiber in underserved areas of southern North Carolina. These physical and digital connectivity enhancements will result in improved economic competitiveness, resiliency of key evacuation routes, and buildout of the southern freight network.

Improved transportation and related infrastructure are critical to the quality of life, job growth, sustainability, and enhanced safety in our state and region, and I thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's request for INFRA program funding for the US 74 Corridor Opportunities for Rural Efficiency and Safety Improvement (CORESI) Project. Please feel free to contact my Raleigh office at 919-856-4630 if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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