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January 28, 2025

Secretary Sean Duffy
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: BUILD Grant Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Office of Senator Carl Ford is pleased to send a letter of support for the Town of East Spencer’s application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to support the construction conversion of Correll Street/McCanless Road from an underpass to an interchange on I-85 in Rowan County.

The East Spencer Interchange for a Growth Nexus (DESIGN) project is an opportunity to address transportation barriers and economic challenges the town is facing. The town is basically cut off from communities to the West of the railroad, to the East of Town Creek, and without direct connections to the South. They’ve had to rely on Long Street to access the adjacent communities. Town residents will benefit from a direct access from I-85, and it will decrease traffic on Long Street and a better access to Hanford-Dole Elementary School. This grant is an opportunity to transform East Spencer and open pathways to economic wealth for the residents.

Thank you for your consideration to this invaluable project which will bring a significant impact to the community and Rowan County.

Sincerely,

Senator Carl Ford
North Carolina Senate

