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The Honorable Elaine Chao Secretary of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I write to bring your attention to an application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The proposal is for an investment in innovative technology and rural mobility corridor improvements on I-95/US 70. It is my understanding that this investment will have a long lasting and positive impact on the North Carolina community in terms of economy, mobility, and safety.

This request is in response to concerns over the current state of the I-95/US70 highways, regarding specifically their safety, operating performance, and facilitation of economy. It is my understanding that the results of this project will bring the highways up to current design standards and increase the flow of traffic in this national artery of North Carolina. In addition, I am told the technological advancements included in the proposal will make the roads safer, as well as laying down the groundwork for supporting autonomous vehicle technology.

To my understanding, this grant will enable North Carolina businesses and put North Carolina in a strong position to facilitate future technologies. I look forward to following these projects and I am excited to see what they bring to North Carolina.

Please grant this request fair and prompt consideration as you evaluate the application from the North Carolina Department of Transportation. If you need further information, feel free to contact my Legislative Assistant, Kayla Dolan, at kayla.dolan@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard Hudson

Member of Congress

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