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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and the Midwest. I write this letter to (1) express our strong support and to reinforce the strong regional support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and (2) to urge your support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

This major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure and reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods is critical to the continued growth of Central Ohio.

Timely completion of Phase 4 will have a major positive impact on Downtown revitalization, for those who live and work Downtown as well as those who conduct business in our Downtown Courthouse complex.

We strongly support the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio's request for additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to award this grant, in consideration of the importance of these improvements to the quality of life and continued growth of Central Ohio.

Sincerely,

  
Maryellen O'Shaughnessy  
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cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200  
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