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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing today in strong support for a project in the First Congressional District of Florida currently under consideration for BUILD grant funding. This \$20 million regional project, located in both Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, would help alleviate severe traffic congestion and related safety issues through the installation of an Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS).

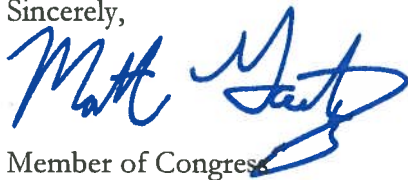
The ATMS project has been the top priority for the Florida-Alabama TPO for several years. This project will assist local agencies in meeting the increasingly complex future transportation challenges facing this rapidly-growing area. It will also serve to modernize and maximize the efficiency of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties' transportation system.

In part, the ATMS would consist of next-generation traffic signal systems, connected vehicle technologies, and intelligent transportation system devices and infrastructure to enable real-time monitoring, active traffic management, and enhanced safety. The system will aid the region in technological advances, and will assist FDOT and the local TPO in achieving their goal of "Vision Zero" — eliminating driver and pedestrian fatalities. This laudable goal is important to the community, and worth supporting.

This project enjoys the support of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida-Alabama TPO, Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, and the cities of Pensacola, Milton, and Gulf Breeze.

I urge your consideration of these vital projects for the Florida Panhandle. Thank you for your full consideration of this application for the BUILD grant program.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress