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August 19, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

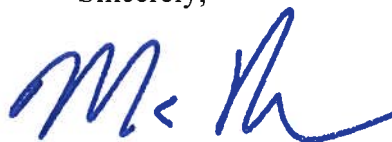
I write in support of Escambia and Santa Rosa County's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program for its Advanced Traffic Management System Project.

Escambia and Santa Rosa counties are located in Florida's panhandle and contain a mix of rural and urban areas. Within the counties are a deep-water sea port, the Pensacola International Airport, multiple military installations, and tourist attractions anchored to the coastal areas. Both counties are experiencing rapid growth with a combined population of approximately 450,000 residents.

To keep up with growing traffic demands, Escambia and Santa Rosa counties implemented the Advanced Traffic Management System Project. The project consists of next generation traffic signal systems, connected vehicle technologies, and intelligent transportation system devices and infrastructures to enable real-time monitoring, active traffic management, and enhanced safety. Proposed equipment would facilitate monitoring of areas with congestion on a real-time basis and allow signal operators and engineers to adjust traffic signal timing at any location from a remote location, while also being able to respond to accidents and communicate with first responders.

I applaud Escambia and Santa Rosa counties on their efforts to mitigate congestion, safety, and developmental issues. I request your full and fair consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Rubio', written in a cursive style.

Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator