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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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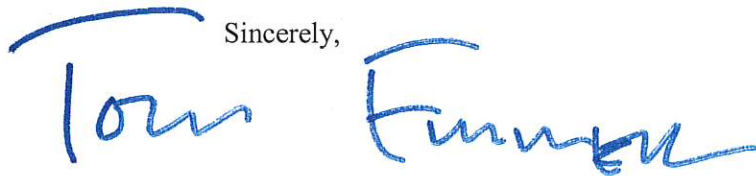
Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in strong support of the \$25 Million Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant application submitted by the City of Ramsey, Minnesota for the Ramsey Gateway Highway 10/169 Project. The project is being led by the City of Ramsey with coordination and support from Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), the Metropolitan Council regional planning agency, and the neighboring cities of Elk River and Anoka. The project builds upon work completed in a 2014 Access Planning Study led by MnDOT.

US Highway 10/169 is a major artery connecting the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area to the northern Minnesota tourism industry and freight generating centers in Minnesota and North Dakota. The roadway within the City of Ramsey has a high traffic volume with weekend and holiday traffic, causing frequent and heavy congestion. In addition to addressing congestion and enhancing mobility, the project is designed to reduce high crash statistics. The number of access points is greater than allowed by MnDOT's access spacing guidelines for principle arterials, adding to congestion and safety issues.

I strongly support the Ramsey Gateway Highway 10/169 Project's BUILD grant application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Nick Lunneborg in my office at Nicholas.Lunneborg@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress