

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

June 22, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are pleased to express our support for Jefferson County's application to the FY2020 BUILD Transportation Grants program. This application requests \$14,540,800 for the Jefferson Corridor Project, which would improve a key industrial area east of U.S. Interstate 530 that can be used for existing and future development.


As we understand, the Jefferson Corridor Project is a strategic investment that consists of much needed improvements to infrastructure near the City of Pine Bluff. The project also includes upgrades to critical roads supporting current industry, including the widening of Stagecoach Road and Chandler Road, and a new roadway from Chandler Road to Gravel Pit Road. Jefferson County has also secured an additional \$5 million in funding from the state.

The Jefferson Corridor Project will transform connectivity in Jefferson County. This grant would allow the county to provide improved roadways for existing businesses and accommodate the development of GTL Americas LP. This gas-to-liquids facility will provide thousands of jobs to the people of Jefferson County and the surrounding areas. The Jefferson Corridor Project can pave the way for economic revitalization in the area.

We hope you share our belief that Jefferson Corridor will provide great benefit to Arkansans. We ask that you give this application all due consideration as it moves through the process, and please keep us informed of its progress.

We are grateful for the time and assistance your department provides to the State of Arkansas.

Sincerely,



John Boozman
U.S. Senator



Tom Cotton
U.S. Senator



Bruce Westerman
Member of Congress