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**Congress of the United States**  
House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

Please accept this letter of support for Ellis County's efforts to seek funding from the federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant program for the Northwest Business Corridor project. As the U.S. Congressman representing Hays and Ellis County, I understand the infrastructure needs for both ongoing business and future economic development in the region.

The current roadway was not designed for the volume or type of traffic the area is now experiencing due to the growth of business and investment. This project will improve safety for the many residents who utilize the Corridor to access work, worship and recreation.

It will also complement the City of Hays' North Vine Street project – approved in last year's BUILD cycle – by providing an alternate route for large loads that cannot safely pass under the I-70 bridge over U.S. Route 183. We believe that an improved business corridor will lead to future business investments.

I recently participated in a tour of the infrastructure and businesses located along the corridor so understand first-hand both the challenges and opportunities facing community and business leaders. I believe this is a project worthy of federal investment and hope that you will look favorably upon Ellis County's grant request.

Sincerely,

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