

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

June 14, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

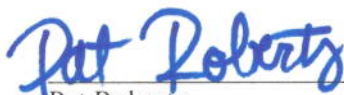
We are writing to express our support of Ellis County's BUILD grant request which would provide necessary funding for the Northwest Business Corridor project.

The current roadway was not designed for the volume or type of traffic driven by recent private-sector investment, and improvements along the corridor will help promote economic activity now and into the future. Additionally, it will improve the safety of travelers who take the corridor on a daily basis and increase access to businesses located along the route.

This project would also complement the City of Hay's North Vine Street project, which was 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. As the amount of heavy freight being transported continues to increase, the Northwest Business Corridor is necessary so large trucks and oversized loads will be able to avoid driving through the city and can bypass the town traffic.

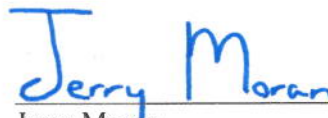
We support the Ellis County BUILD grant application to improve transportation along the corridor and to provide for future economic activity within the Northwest Business Corridor. Thank you for the U.S. Department of Transportation's consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,



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Pat Roberts  
United States Senator



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Jerry Moran  
United States Senator