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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for the City of Clinton's Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard
Reconstruction BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am proud to support the BUILD grant application submitted to you by the City of Clinton. The City's proposed Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction project will enhance access to essential services, including multiple healthcare providers, provide a safe route for students from Clinton STEM Academy's Campus to the high school, bolster pedestrian and bicyclist amenities, and support increased community vibrancy and better health outcomes.

This roadway is an important component to Clinton's infrastructure, connecting the north and south parts of the community. The nearly 100 years old roadway is now stressed with capacity constraints and has seen nearly 400 crashes in the last 5 years in addition to severe flooding incidents over the last few years. This project includes the complete reconstruction of Manufacturing Drive and Bluff Boulevard from US Route 30 to 7th Avenue North. It includes numerous safety and environmental improvements to bring this road up to a good state of repair.

This project improves the roadway surface while also improving the quality of life to residents and business along the corridor by including the infrastructure necessary for future implementation of a high-speed fiber and broadband network. This infrastructure will position Clinton to be a 21st Century leader and serve as a primary gateway to the area that has been identified as an "Opportunity Zone" by the US Department of the Treasury.

The Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction project is a necessary and worthwhile investment which will have a profound effect on the future viability of the area. Consistent with the goals of the BUILD grant program, this project will improve safety, provide good a state of repair, foster innovation and provide a much-needed boost to economic vitality for not only the City but the surrounding region as well. For these reasons, I fully support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa