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Ray LaHood Secretary of Transportation Office of the Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re:

New Jersey Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investment "TIGER II" Grants Program Application Route 23 Sussex Borough Realignment

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to express my support of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's application for funding the Route 23 Sussex Borough Realignment project under the National Infrastructure Investment "TIGER II" Grants Program.

This project will provide for operational and safety improvements with the implementation of a one-way road system, which will utilize existing Route 23 for northbound traffic and providing a new alignment for Route 23 southbound traffic. The project will also replace the structure carrying existing Route 23 over the Papakating Creek. This project has also been designed with elements to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.

I am confident that this application meets the aims and requirements of the National Infrastructure Investment "TIGER II" Grants Program, as it will promote the preservation and creation of jobs while providing for long term economic benefits through investments in New Jersey's transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to participate in this program.

Sincerely,

Chris Christie

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