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Elaine Chao, Secretary
US Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the City of Chubbuck for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Department of Transportation, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the TIGER grant application being submitted by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to fund Fort Hall Connect: Strengthening Community through Transportation Investment.

The City of Chubbuck is the nearest municipality south of the Reservation and has a rapidly growing population and economic base. The City has been a regular participant in the Tribes' Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and recognizes the tremendous strategic importance of Fort Hall Connect due to the fact that the current aged-infrastructure greatly limits the tribes' abilities to develop land near Interstate 15. Of benefit to both the Tribes and the City, Fort Hall Connect would likely serve to lessen congestion on the City's primary north-south arterial route (State Highway 91-Yellowstone Highway) during peak traffic hours and during other times such as the Tribes' Treaty Celebration and Indian Festival.

With the knowledge that economic development does not occur in a bubble, I believe that Fort Hall Connect would be regionally beneficial as it will foster economic growth, improve connectivity, improve transit options, and create a new model for beneficial development in the State of Idaho.

Thank you for your consideration of this beneficial project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin B. England". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E".

Kevin B. England
Mayor