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To: Elaine Chao  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: Shoshone-Bannock Tribes BUILD Grant

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Department of Transportation, I am pleased to write this letter of support their BUILD grant application. This grant will fund the Fort Hall Connect: Strengthening Community through Transportation Investment initiative.

As Mayor of Blackfoot, I am focused on improving City infrastructure. The City of Blackfoot buffers the north boundary of the reservation, and, as such, we share transportation infrastructure with the Tribes. We are also currently working with the Tribal Business Council to evaluate shared opportunities for business development. Thus, improving infrastructure for the Tribes provides substantive benefits and opportunities for the City of Blackfoot.

The Fort Hall Connect program is very important for our region as it will foster economic growth, improve connectivity and transit opportunities, and potentially create a new model for beneficial development within the State of Idaho. This program deserves your funding.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Marc Carroll  
Mayor-City of Blackfoot