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Secretary Chao  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: 2018 Build Grant Rural Application Nielsville Bridge Replacement

Dear Secretary Elaine Chao,

TDS Fertilizer, Inc. in Fertile, Minnesota is expressing its full support of the application submitted by Polk County, Minnesota, and Traill County, North Dakota, on behalf of the Multi-State Regional Connectivity Project for a FY 2018 BUILD Grant.

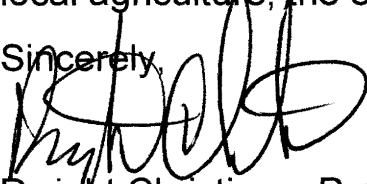
As a retail business dealing with hauling fertilizer, we know the importance of reliable infrastructure and how the most direct route can save money for farms and ranches.

Local business has suffered in both Minnesota and North Dakota due to the closure of the Nielsville Bridge in 2015 due to irreparable structural deficiencies. Since the bridge closed economic activity in the region has sharply declined.

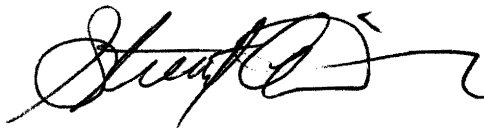
If Polk County's 2018 BUILD Grant application is successful, federal funds would be leveraged with non-federal matching funds to replace Nielsville Bridge and support our local agribusiness.

Please give careful review of this application and how it will help support local agriculture, the economic backbone of our region.

Sincerely,



Dwight Christian – President



Stuart Christian – Vice President

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