

April 1, 2020

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: FY 2020 Build Discretionary Grant Program

Hubbard Township requests your favorable consideration of the BUILD grant request for the Multi-State Regional Connectivity Project.

This bridge is a vital link for the agricultural economy in the two states. Without it, the trucks are detoured onto gravel roads, taking them 11 miles out of the way, causing more wear on the vehicles and costing more in fuel expenses. This is also hard on the roads, which were not made to handle that level of traffic.

The old Nielsville Bridge is almost 80 years old and around 40 to 50 percent of the cement is structurally unsound, among other things, making it time to replace the structure.

The Multi-State Regional Connectivity Project is designed to satisfy the new BUILD program goals of increasing public safety, improving the condition of existing transportation facilities, supporting economic competitiveness, and improving quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration. This project is important to us and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lester Palm".

Hubbard Township