



# TAFT ELEVATOR

Division of Rahr Malting Co.

GRAIN BUYER

Grain, Feed, Seed, Custom Hauling

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March 31, 2020

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Elaine Chao:

On behalf of Rahr Malting Co, I would like to express support of the FY 2020 BUILD Grant application submitted by Traill County, North Dakota, on behalf of the Multi-State Regional Connectivity Project.

Agribusiness is the backbone of the economy for Traill County, ND and Polk County, MN. Rahr Malting Co. is proud to operate a 5.5 million bushel facility located at the Taft Elevator, north of Hillsboro, North Dakota which transports high quality malting barley nationwide and internationally. We rely on deliveries from North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho and also Canada.

In September 2015, the Nielsville Bridge crossing the Red River was closed due to insurmountable structural deficiencies. The bridge acted as a critical transportation route for 300 to 500 ranchers, farmers, manufacturers, and residents who traveled the bridge every day. As a result, drivers are now required to travel further to the nearest bridge to cross over the Red River.

If Polk County's 2020 BUILD Grant application is successful, Federal funds would be leveraged with non-federal matching funds to replace the Nielsville Bridge and support our local agribusiness.

We appreciate your careful review of this application.

Sincerely,

Rahr Malting Co.

Darrel Miller  
Elevator Manager

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