

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Secretary Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

Dear Secretary Chao:

As Members of the Pennsylvania Delegation, we write to express our support for Gateway 228 Capacity & Safety Improvements – Final Segment, an application submitted by Butler County, Pennsylvania to the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Discretionary Grant Program. Our delegation jointly supported the successful Gateway 228 BUILD application and, recognizing the relevance of this project to the safety of our citizens and economic viability of western Pennsylvania, we come together again to pledge our full bipartisan support for Butler County's INFRA application.

Overall, Gateway 228 is a \$294 million, 26-mile freight and commuter corridor that links several burgeoning economic activity centers with waterway ports to the east and west. Additionally, Gateway 228 connects southern Butler County and northern Allegheny County to Shell Chemicals' \$6 billion ethane cracker plant in Beaver County and its 6,000 jobs. Already, \$226 million in local, state and federal funds have been committed in undertaking 9 of the 13 roadway segments that comprise Gateway 228. An INFRA award will enable Butler County and its' partner, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District 10, to complete the final four segments.

We are excited not only about the opportunity that will be created by completing Gateway 228 but also about the safety, congestion, and environmental issues that will be remedied as well. We are pleased to offer our support and thank you in advance for considering Butler County's INFRA application.

Sincerely,



Mike Kelly
Member of Congress



Glenn Thompson
Member of Congress



Conor Lamb
Member of Congress