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April 29, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: FY20 BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write in support of the Nez Perce Tribe's BUILD grant application to fund the Aht'Wy Interchange Project.

The Tribes' project will make needed improvements to the east and west entrances of Aht'Wy Plaza along Highway 95/12, one of Idaho's most dangerous stretches of road. We understand this project will enhance safety measures on the roadway for residents and local businesses. Fatality crashes, injury crashes and property damage crashes are common. A bridge will be built over the highway as well as four ramps to access the plaza near the east entrance. The four-lane highway will be separated by a concrete barrier, eliminating the existing median, turn lanes, and acceleration lanes.

We are told the Tribe has been working in partnership with many groups including Nez Perce County, Idaho Transportation Department and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council. With the help of the Idaho Transportation Department, all inspections will be done from project start to project completion.

We urge the Department of Transportation to give this application all due consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Crapo".

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