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October 30, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) has submitted a funding request under the Infrastructure Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program. As a strong advocate for investing in our nations' infrastructure, I ask for full and fair consideration of their application.

This project offers a new arterial for the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota's largest city. The Veteran's Parkway project will reconstruct an interchange on Interstate-90 at exit 402, rebuild the rural, two-lane highway into a four-lane divided highway with limited access, and provide railroad grade separation for the existing Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Ellis and Eastern rail lines.

The Veteran's Highway project not only includes the ease of congestion on Interstate-229 and a railroad grade separation, but also the freight access provided for a vital economic hub. The arterial will support current and future industrial use, deliver a reliable and effective transportation route for a growing commercial and retail area of the city, and provide regional connectivity for the area's residents from Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota.

The SDDOT and the City of Sioux Falls are dedicated to making this project a reality. I would also like to mention that the SDDOT is only responsible for the delivery of this project; the arterial will belong to the City of Sioux Falls and they will be responsible for its operation and maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



M. Michael Rounds  
United States Senator