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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
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Dear Secretary Chao;

The Morgan County Commission would like to confirm its support of the West Virginia Department of Transportation's (WVDOT) application for federal funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grant Program.

If the grant funding is approved, it will be utilized for constructing the US 522 four-lane highway bypass around Berkeley Springs. The economic benefits to Morgan County and the Town of Bath that would potentially result in significant enhancements in community livability, transportation infrastructure, and job creation.

In particular, construction of the US 522 bypass would greatly impact public safety by creating ready access to the adjacent War Memorial Hospital on Fairview Drive, as well as making several large tracts of land available for future economic development opportunities in the county.

Morgan County Commission is very supportive of this initiative. Through BUILD grant funding and WVDOT efforts we look forward to seeing this project become a reality.

Sincerely,

Joel Tuttle, President
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