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May 12, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Lordstown Motors Corp., I am pleased to express my support for the Western Reserve Port Authority's application for funding in the FY20 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants Program. Funding will be used for the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub, a strategic infrastructure initiative to capitalize on Lordstown's location at the intersection of multiple modes of transportation, broadband, and electrification to position the area as the premier regional warehousing and distribution hub.

Investing in this project would help invigorate Northeast Ohio, particularly the Mahoning Valley and Lordstown, areas that were sharply impacted by economic downturns. The Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub will deliver significant improvements in transportation safety, mobility, access, and reliability.

Lordstown Motors Corp. was founded in May 2019 for the purpose of developing the first commercially available all-electric pickup truck. Our company is based in Lordstown, Ohio, which has a longstanding history as a home for vehicle manufacturing. The first vehicle we plan to produce is the Endurance™, which will be an electric pickup truck specifically designed for commercial fleets.

Please accept this letter as strong support for the BUILD Grant Program. If you have any questions or comments please contact Chris Kerzich, Director of Government Relations and Corporate Affairs, at 330-770-5516.

Sincerely,

Steve Burns
Founder and CEO