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May 8th, 2020
The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

Utah State University is committed to securing BUILD planning funding for the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub. The project significantly benefits the Village of Lordstown and surrounding rural communities across the broader Mahoning Valley region in their ongoing economic recovery efforts.

Utah State University pledges \$150,037.41 as in-kind cost share. The source of these funds is State of Utah research funding, including Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (STEP) research awards and SELECT Center state appropriation funds. These funds do not originate from any federal source.

Investing in this project will help to invigorate Northeast Ohio, particularly the Mahoning Valley and Lordstown, areas that have been sharply impacted by economic downturns. The Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub will deliver significant improvements in transportation safety, mobility, access, and reliability. Improvements will include an intermodal rail connection at Ohio Commerce Center, an autonomous truck circulator route, consolidation of the current split interchange configuration along the Ohio Turnpike at Lordstown, and a transfer yard for trailers at the Ohio Turnpike Lordstown interchange.

I urge you to give the Western Reserve Port Authority's grant application your fullest consideration and support as it presents a catalytic opportunity to bring federal dollars to the Mahoning Valley to aid in the region's ongoing economic recovery.

Respectfully,

David M. Christensen
Executive Director
Utah State University SELECT Center



May 15th, 2020

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Chao,

Transportation Research Center, Inc. is committed to securing BUILD funding for the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub. The project significantly benefits the Village of Lordstown and surrounding rural communities across the broader Mahoning Valley region in their ongoing economic recovery efforts.

Transportation Research Center, Inc. pledges \$82,231.68 in facilities and test equipment as private, in-kind contributions in support of the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub BUILD Planning Grant. These in-kind contributions do not originate from any federal source.

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