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Patrick J. Kelly

Director, Economic Development

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,

FirstEnergy is committed to assist in 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. We are a strong supporter of the “Voltage Valley.”

FirstEnergy/Ohio Edison anticipates making significant investments in our electric distribution and transmission service to help support the development of the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hubs and surrounding investments in the Lordstown, Ohio area. Investments will be for wire, poles, fuses, transformers, cut-outs and other electric distribution equipment as well as potential investment in sensors, smart grid, transmission service, upgrades to substations, potential purchase of right of ways and property for the location on these investments. We will also explore potential electrification technology demonstration projects. These funds do not originate from any federal source.

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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,

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Office of Representative Michele Lepore-Hagan
58th Ohio House District

May 14th, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to you today 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.

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This region of the state continues to be hit hard, most recently by the COVID-19 crisis. Our economic recovery is dependent on these investments and connecting workers with opportunities that allow them to succeed in a constantly changing global economy.

Further, the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub would build off the existing investment in transportation infrastructure, and the private investment by companies such as General Motors (GM) & LG Chem, Lordstown Motors Corporation, and TJX Homegoods to name a few.

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Representative Michele Lepore-Hagan
Ohio House District 58

133rd General Assembly Committee Assignments

Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor, Ranking Member
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April 16th, 2020

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Secretary
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Flying HIGH Inc. is in the business of helping underutilized workers obtain higher paying employment. We anticipate this project will create many jobs among local employers that will help us place many more underutilized workers who desperately need opportunities.

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Respectfully,


Jeffrey M. Magada
Executive Director

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May 19th, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
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Secretary Chao, this is my hometown, born and raised and married here. Lived my whole life here. It is a good community, strong and proud. We deliver the American dream with projects like this Hub. I am now old; I have seen much in the way of inattention to our working men and women over the years. Please make the future bright for my region with your help on this project, please make this vision real.

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Respectfully,

Ralph R. Zerbonia
President



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May 26th, 2020

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

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Hapco and its affiliated companies are engaged in distribution and manufacturing of items used in the industries supported by this grant. Hapco supports the tier 1 automotive sector. Tarpco provides load covering systems for the transportation industries. Three of our affiliates are engaged in the additive manufacturing industries. Their activities range from large scale polymer and metal printing to supporting large area polymer 3D printer OEM's. This Grant would increase our opportunities to create jobs and invest in Northeast Ohio.

Further, the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub would build off the existing investment in transportation infrastructure, and the private investment by companies such as General Motors (GM) & LG Chem, Lordstown Motors Corporation, and TJX Homegoods to name a few.

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,

Charles T. George, CEO
Hapco, Inc.

May 20th, 2020

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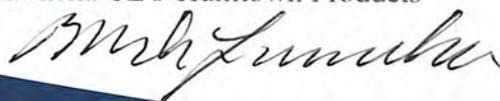
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(Please insert information that your office/organization believes to be important to show their support of the project. In support of this project if it will increase your business's ability to create or retain jobs for your organization please include the anticipated number of jobs created/retained in the next two years for your organization. In addition, please include the amount of private investment that may result if we are successful with our project. Utilize no more than the space included here.)

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Respectfully, Mark Lamoncha CEO Humtown Products





First National Bank

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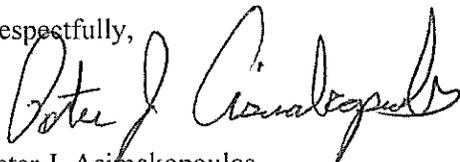
First National Bank has a regional headquarters located in Downtown Youngstown. I have worked downtown for the last 29 years and am involved with several downtown organizations, to include Youngstown CityScape (a CDC). Over the last 7 years we have made great strides with new business and further beautification to our City, most all of which has been through private/business investments. Both pedestrian and vehicle traffic have significantly increased, due to the influx of new businesses and residential apartments. With the possibility of the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub, I would expect First National Bank and other companies would be maintaining and creating more jobs in this market.

Our area has a very affordable cost of living and a workforce of dedicated, hard-working individuals. The people in this area would embrace the opportunity to create a smart logistics hub.

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Peter J. Asimakopoulos
First National Bank
EVP, Small Business Banking
Youngstown Market President

cc: Guy Coviello