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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for the City of Clinton's Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

Alliant Energy enthusiastically supports the City of Clinton's application for funding through the US Department of Transportation's BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program.

A strong transportation network is imperative to our success. Completing the Manufacturing Drive and Bluff Boulevard reconstruction project – a total reconstruction and enhancement of the alignment from US Route 30 to 7th Avenue North – will ensure the safe, efficient movement of people and goods for decades to come.

The BUILD-supported reconstruction project will allow the City of Clinton to simultaneously enhance the safety and capacity of the corridor all while making several environmental enhancements in the area. The project will enhance access to essential services, including multiple healthcare providers, a safe route for students from Clinton STEM Academy's Campus to the high school, and will bolster pedestrian and bicyclist amenities, supporting both increased community vibrancy and better health outcomes. Furthermore, the project will include the infrastructure necessary for future implementation of a high-speed fiber and broadband network, which will position our community to be a 21st century leader and serve as a primary gateway to the area that has been identified as an "Opportunity Zone" by the US Department of the Treasury.

Alliant Energy believes the BUILD-supported reconstruction project will assist in the efficient movement of our vehicles around the community as we provide safe and reliable service to our customers in Clinton. We also feel improved traffic flow will assist our customers and bring economic vitality to the area.

We are pleased to support the City of Clinton's BUILD Grant application for the Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction. This project is important to the economic vitality of the region; it will improve the quality of life and allow the City to improve the condition of key infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Shupp", written in a cursive style.

Steve Shupp
Senior Economic Development Manager
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