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June 19, 2018

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:

I am proud to support the 2018 BUILD grant application submitted to you by the City of Clinton. The City's proposed **Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction** project will enhance access to essential services, including multiple healthcare providers, provide a safe route for students from Clinton STEM Academy's Campus to the high school, bolster pedestrian and bicyclist amenities, and support increased community vibrancy and better health outcomes.

My company has been located off Manufacturing Drive for 25+ years and know firsthand what a game changer completing this project will be. Our fleet of 50 semi-trucks and 75+ employees are constantly on the move traversing both 21st Street and Manufacturing road. We know the value of not only good roads but proper drainage. Our property constantly gets storm water runoff and it adversely affects our business. The ability to improve this nearly 100 years old roadway that has been witnessed to more than 400 crashes in just the last 5 years alone in addition to severe flooding incidents over the last few years. This project includes the complete reconstruction of Manufacturing Drive and Bluff Boulevard from US Route 30 to 7th Avenue North

This project does not just improve the roadway surface but improves the quality of life to residents and business to include mine along the corridor by including the infrastructure necessary for future implementation of a high-speed fiber and broadband network. This infrastructure, which will position the City of Clinton to be a 21st century leader. . It includes numerous safety and environmental improvements to bring this road up to a good state of repair.

The **Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction** project is a necessary and worthwhile investment which will have an intense impact on the future viability of the area. Consistent with the goals of the BUILD grant program, this project will improve safety, provide good a state of repair, foster innovation and provide a much-needed boost to economic vitality for not only the City but the surrounding region as well. For these reasons I fully support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete Clausen".

Pete Clausen
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