

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1502**

June 14, 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:

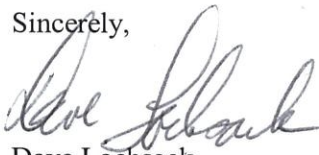
I am proud to support the 2018 BUILD grant application submitted to you by the City of Clinton. The City's proposed **Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction** project will enhance access to essential services, including multiple healthcare providers, provide a safe route 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.

I had the opportunity to receive an in-person overview of this wonderful project and was able to drive the entire 4.5 miles stretch with local officials. I can say from firsthand experience that this roadway is an important component to Clinton's infrastructure, connecting the north and south parts of the community. The nearly 100 years old roadway is now stressed with capacity constraints and safety concerns, with nearly 400 crashes in just the last five 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. It includes numerous safety and environmental improvements to bring this road up to modern standards.

This project does not just improve the roadway surface but improves the quality of life for residents and businesses along the corridor by including the infrastructure necessary for future implementation of a high-speed fiber and broadband network. I understand that this infrastructure will position the City of Clinton to be a 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

The **Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction** project is a necessary and worthwhile investment which will have a profound effect 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,



Dave Loebsock  
Member of Congress