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Sean Duffy, Transportation Secretary
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Secretary Duffy,

The UmonHon People also known as the Against the Current People and the first people in Nebraska, are excited to apply for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development or B.U.I.L.D. grant. On behalf of my UmonHon people I submit this letter of support as the Director of Realty for the Omaha Tribe on Highway 75 which runs through the Omaha reservation and is a major thorough fare of Thurston County and northeast Nebraska. This much needed and long overdue project can only add to the safety and benefit of our community by slowing traffic at both entrances of the village of Macy.

We are currently at the mercy of the traffic at the top speed of no less than 65 M.P.H. that fly by the north and south entrances into Macy. In addition, the tribal cemetery connects directly to Highway 75 and has been a dangerous part of the highway during times of funeral procession. At this time our section of Highway 75 is manned by tribal law enforcement to surveil the area for potentially dangerous drivers and driving conditions.

The North entrance is of greatest concern as it has little to no room to maneuver should a traffic incident occur causing the area to become a greater threat to the safety of the highway. The speed at which traffic flows is a great danger to those who live directly across Highway 75 in tribal homes and need to walk to and from Macy. There is no safe walkway or area to cross the Highway 75 safely and visibly to oncoming traffic. In addition, the Nebraska Community College also is situated directly on Highway 75 south of the north entrance of Macy and many tribal/community members much brave the walk across the highway to the college campus.

The B.U.I.L.D. grant will help address these issues and create a safe space at the north and south entrances of Macy to merge on and off Highway 75. This grant will help address the

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potential for the tribal cemetery entrance to be unsafe during funeral procession and the like. This grant will help provide some much need walkways to get to the Nebraska Indian Community College, tribal housing across Highway 75 and the cemetery.

In conclusion, the UmonHon people of Nebraska, the first people of Nebraska, request that you take the time to review the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska application for the B.U.I.L.D grant. You may reach out with any questions.

Best,

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