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Secretary Sean Duffy
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I write to express my support for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application submitted by the Crow Tribe for funding for assisting in the completion of construction of the BIA 91 Highway Reconstruction: Reconnecting Rural Communities Project (Project).

The current condition of the BIA 91 corridor presents safety, accessibility, mobility, and connectivity risks. The proposed Project will enable the Tribe to address roadway damage, and identified safety concerns, ensuring that the roadway meets current safety standards and alleviates the need for significant traveler detours to surrounding, less direct routes. Completion of the project will ensure ongoing access to essential services as well as rehabilitate and maintain a safe route for transit buses, school buses, agricultural vehicles, and emergency/first responder personnel.

By restoring critical infrastructure, this Project will assist in the revitalization of the local economy on the Crow Reservation. There is also the added benefit of providing a secondary route to Yellowtail Dam which is part of the State's power generation infrastructure.

I appreciate your time and consideration

Sincerely,

Greg Gianforte
Governor

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