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U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
Re: Letter of Support for BUILD Grant Application
US Highway 75 & Main Street – North Entrance to Macy, Nebraska

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Umo$^{n}$ho$^{n}$ Nation Public School, I am writing to express our strong support for the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska in its application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant to improve the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 and Main Street at the north entrance of the Village of Macy, Nebraska.

This intersection is a critical access point for our community and is used daily by school buses transporting students, staff, and families to and from Umo$^{n}$ho$^{n}$ Nation Public School. The current configuration requires vehicles to cross or enter a high-speed, heavily trafficked highway that is elevated and angled, resulting in severely limited sightlines and reduced reaction time for drivers. These conditions present a persistent and unacceptable safety risk for student transportation, particularly for school buses that require longer stopping distances and additional time to safely maneuver through traffic. Near-miss incidents and hazardous driving conditions are an ongoing concern for our transportation staff and families.

The proposed improvements to this intersection represent a necessary and proactive investment in the safety of our students and the broader Macy community. Enhancing this gateway will reduce crash risk, improve traffic operations, and create a safer, more predictable travel environment for school transportation and community members alike. This project strongly aligns with the goals of the BUILD program by advancing transportation safety, supporting rural and Tribal infrastructure, and protecting vulnerable populations—especially children.

Umo$^{n}$ho$^{n}$ Nation Public School fully supports this application and respectfully urges favorable consideration of funding for this project. We appreciate the Department of Transportation's commitment to improving safety and access in Tribal and rural communities and stand ready to support the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska in the successful implementation of this critical infrastructure improvement.

Sincerely,

Stacie J. Hardy, Ed.S.
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