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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Coos County Airport District's (CCAD) application for the BUILD grant program.

The Airport District is requesting a grant award in the amount of \$8,339,400 under the BUILD program, to be matched by \$926,600 in secured local funding. The project will strengthen the North Bend Airports responsiveness to commercial tenants by removing several defunct World War II-era facilities, constructing a new cargo facility and expanding supporting infrastructure.

This project, which will occur in an economically-depressed rural part of southwest Oregon, will create and sustain significant, long-term economic growth for Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties. The project is estimated to create 75 construction jobs and attract and sustain 200 new regional FTE's.

The Airport District is a key economic generator for the region and has been creating and sustaining jobs for nearly every industry from tourism to cargo. The Airport District is home to a diverse tenant group that includes, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Coast Guard, the Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon State Corrections, UPS, FEDEX, and 33 other business, government and commercial tenants.

I request you give this project full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter A. DeFazio".

PETER A. DEFAZIO  
Chairman