

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

July 12, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are writing to express our support for the Town of Normal, Illinois' 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) application, as well as the Town's 2019 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) application.

Federal funding would provide critical resources for the design and construction of a much-needed underpass at Uptown Station in Normal. This project would significantly enhance accessibility and safety by eliminating an at-grade rail crossing and providing a more efficient travel route between Uptown Normal and the McLean County region, for citizens who would use this multimodal link to access essential services, education, and employment.

The region supports a wide variety of major institutions including State Farm Insurance Co. and Illinois State University. As such, it is essential that the region does not fall behind on providing necessary infrastructure for the individuals and organizations that rely on it to travel throughout Downstate Illinois and beyond.

We urge your full and fair consideration of the Town of Normal's BUILD and CRISI applications. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe Bushong with Senator Durbin's office, at (202) 224-7017.

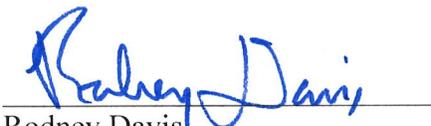
Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator



Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senator



Rodney Davis  
United States Representative



Darin LaHood  
United States Representative