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The Honorable Anthony Foxx US Transportation Secretary 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E. Washington, DC 20590

Re: Grayling I-75 Access Project

Dear Honorable Anthony Foxx,

On behalf of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, please accept this letter of support for the proposed I-75 / North Down River Road Interchange and related road projects.

A full interchange at this intersection would greatly enhance the mobility of military vehicles as it would reduce the amount of large convoys and training equipment traveling through town. It would also allow for Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital, Grayling Fire Department and other emergency medical vehicles to increase safety by reducing emergency vehicle traffic traveling through residential neighborhoods and the major business district.

In addition, it would create a more easily accessible option for tourists and vacationers. Currently many leave Grayling frustrated by the current access to and from I-75. Many visitors stop into the Chamber office perplexed and aggravated, as they cannot figure out how to get back onto the highway as there is also minimal signage.

We believe that this project would add tremendous value and offer a positive effect to our economy, safety and quality of life for all visitors and residents to our region.

Sincerely,

Traci Cook

Executive Director

Board of Directors
Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce