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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Please accept this letter of support and partnership for Crawford County Road Commission's (CCRC's) application for federal grant funding through the United States Department of Transportation TIGER 7 Discretionary Grant Program for the Grayling Region I-75 interchange project.

This project will upgrade the existing I-75/North Down River Road partial interchange to a full interchange, improve the capacity of connecting roadways, and make connections that would serve downtown Grayling, the regional hospital, and the military base.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been working with the CCRC in their efforts to develop an effective solution to transportation challenges in this area. These partnership efforts include the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), which is expanding Camp Grayling into a national training center. The project, strongly supported by DMVA, will significantly enhance access to the entire Camp Grayling complex. While the project is presently unfunded as an MDOT job due to our emphasis on system preservation efforts, we can commit to providing some matching funds for the interstate interchange. We are supportive of the CCRC's efforts to improve the interchange.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact either me or David E. Wresinski, Director, Bureau of Transportation Planning, at 517-373-0343.

Sincerely,

Kirk T. Steudle  
Director