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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Dear Honorable Foxx,

I am writing in support of the Henry County, Ohio Engineer's request for funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant. The funds would be used toward the construction of a river bridge crossing between State Route 110 and Riverview Avenue. The Henry County, Ohio Engineer is requesting \$4,000,000 and will provide \$5,000,000 of local funds for the construction phase of the project.

The construction of an additional river bridge in Napoleon, Henry County Ohio will link Napoleon's two industrial areas. The industrial area to the south of the proposed bridge includes the world's largest Campbell's Soup plant and the industrial corridor on the north side connects to the new U.S. Route 24 that links Toledo, Ohio to Fort Wayne, Indiana. In addition, the County's lone hospital is located on the north side of the bridge; thereby, not only would this bridge provide an opportunity for additional economic development, but would also enhance safety.

The Henry County, Ohio Engineer is prepared to move this project forward in a timely manner. The Ohio Department of Transportation has already completed a planning study and feasibility study. In addition, the project includes a purpose and need study, an alternative analysis study, an origin destination study, and a preferred alternative alignment study. The project is currently proceeding with final design.

In light of the many positive benefits the awarding of this funding would have for my constituents in Henry County, Ohio and the surrounding area, I encourage your careful and thoughtful consideration of the application.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta  
Member of Congress

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