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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
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Dear Elaine:

It has been brought to my attention that the City of Emmonak ("the City") in Alaska submitted an application to the United States Department of Transportation for funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program to support the Lower Yukon River Regional Port and Road Renovation project. As such, I would like to offer my support to the City's proposal and highlight their project.

The City's proposed project addresses a growing demand for durable port infrastructure, including barge landing and road infrastructure in the lower Yukon River Delta. For more than ten years, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, the State of Alaska, and the City of Emmonak have worked to advance this project as it would directly improve quality of life, health, and safety of local residents in the region. The project is ready to go, with the engineering and design complete, construction permits in-hand and \$3 million of construction materials on-site. Under the 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 115-141, the Secretary may increase the Federal share of costs above 80 percent for a project located in a rural area. The lower Yukon River Delta and the City are located within the Kusilvak Census Area, which is considered a rural area. This grant program provides a pathway for completion of this necessary infrastructure project.

It is not my place to evaluate the merits of the City's application for funding through the BUILD Grant Program or express favor for one Alaskan applicant over another. However, consistent with applicable law, policy, and guidance, I respectfully ask that you give due consideration to the City's application.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Madeline Lefton in my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-5872 or via email at madeline_lefton@murkowski.senate.gov. I also ask that you keep Madeline apprised on the outcome of the City's application.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator