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Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
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Dear Secretary Chao:

We write in support of the joint Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) and Idaho Transportation Department's US 20/26, I-84 to Middleton Road, BUILD Grant application. US Highway 20/26 is one of only a few east-west roadways that stretch from Caldwell to Boise in Canyon and Ada Counties. Its role as an alternative to I-84 makes it a vital transportation route, supporting more regional travel in the Treasure Valley than any other arterial roadway.

As a major mobility highway, US 20/26 is experiencing congestion along much of its length. Improving this highway has been a regional priority for a number of years and the Idaho Transportation Department, along with the City of Caldwell have invested over \$50 million into improving sections of this corridor.

The Treasure Valley region of Idaho has been experiencing unprecedented population growth in recent years, with a high percentage of the growth occurring in and around the US 20/26 corridor. This investment will reduce congestion and increase safety, ensuring reliable and safe access for commuters, manufacturers, and agriculture producers alike.

We urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give this application all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mike Crapo in blue ink.

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