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The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

RE: TIGER II Application - Gaylord Business Corridor

Michigan's Office of Highway Safety and Planning (OHSP) is pleased to endorse the City of Gaylord and the Otsego County Road Commission TIGER II application entitled, "Gaylord Business Corridor (GBC)."

The GBC proposal has been developed with broad participation from all the relevant community partners. They are confident that it is the plan the area needs to improve traffic safety while furthering economic revitalization.

The potential of the project comes not only through improved transportation infrastructure but also community involvement and educational outreach. Integrating the construction into an ongoing rural traffic safety program and using it as an opportunity to develop safety partnerships and public participation, will support the national Towards Zero Deaths goal of changing safety culture. The GBC proposal has been developed with a public health paradigm, combined with considerations of long-term economic sustainability, to improve the well-being and prosperity of northern Michigan.

On behalf of the state's highway safety office, I strongly encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to consider the GBC application. Carefully administered, the GBC TIGER II grant would enhance efforts to improve safety within rural communities of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Prince, Director  
Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning