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The Honorable Raymond LaHood, Secretary United States Department of Transportation 400 7th Street S.W. Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the Tiger III grant application submitted by the Topinabee Development Association (TDA).

This funding will support the TDA's Green Corridor/Streetscape Improvement Plan. The plan will include infrastructure improvements to M-27, which runs through the village center, as well as the installation of a system to effectively manage stormwater run-off. As a result, Topinabee can reduce its impact on the environment while boosting economic development.

I trust you will give this application every consideration for funding. I would like to be informed as to the timetable for processing these applications and of the disposition of this application in particular. Please address your response to my Traverse City office at the address and telephone number shown below.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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