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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Ms. Secretary,

On behalf of the Oklahoma Trucking Association we strongly support the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's application for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application for the Interstate 40 & Douglas Boulevard project.

As *The Voice of Trucking* in Oklahoma, we represent the unified interests of our member companies that literally have a front row seat to the needs of infrastructure across our state. Having polled our members, the OTA believes this project is paramount and meets the desired goals stated for Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA). This important project will serve the needs of one of our major metropolitan areas including a significant military installation which is vital to our national security. The increased safety, relief of congestion, and economic benefit of reconstructing this project would be a long term benefit for our state, nation, and the trucking Industry.

Thank you for your kind receipt of the Oklahoma Trucking Association's recommendation and for the important work you do for our country.

Respectfully,

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