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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am pleased to support the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) endeavor to secure a TIGER II Grant application for the Route 18 (Hoes Lane) Extension project.

If awarded, this project will extend the current northern terminus of State Route 18 by approximately 2.5 miles to Interstate 287, completing the total extension of Route 18 through Middlesex County. This extension corridor, which services Rutgers University campuses and several growing technology and research firms, experience major delays throughout morning and evening peak commute time as well as during major events taking place at the University.

Moreover, this project has the ability to make the necessary operational improvements needed for the continued use of the Route 18 in Middlesex County. Operational improvements are extremely important to continue the proper flow of traffic during all hours of the day.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request that will greatly improve the Route 18 road system.

Sincerely,

