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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 23 Sussex Borough Realignment project. If awarded, this project will address and improve operational and safety improvements associated with this important roadway.

This project will implement a one-way road system that will utilize the existing Route 23 for northbound traffic and provide a new alignment for Route 23 southbound traffic. Additionally, the project will replace the structure carrying the existing roadway over the Papakating Creek. The new structure has been designed with elements to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.

Moreover, this project has the ability to make the necessary operational and safety improvements needed for the continued use of the Route 23 roadway. Safety improvements are extremely important for both vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request that will greatly improve the Route 23 road system.

Sincerely,

