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June 25, 2024

Senator Charles Grassley
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Rural and INFRA grant application for Woodbury County

Dear Senator Grassley,

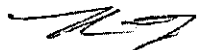
Woodbury County would like to thank you for the support you have already provided for our Rural and INFRA grant applications to assist with funding a new interchange (project) south of the Sioux City Gateway Airport. Your letter of support is appreciated and a key to a successful grant application. The County submitted the grant application on May 3, 2024, and we hope the new interchange is being reviewed favorably by the U.S. Department of Transportation, as well as by Federal Highway Administration. Grant award announcements are usually made around 90 days after submittal, and we are hopeful of a positive response to our request for this much needed funding.

We have learned that as projects reach the final review process, support from other federal departments can be useful in putting a grant request across the finish line. On behalf of Woodbury County, I would like to invite you to view the project site., possibly during your annual tour of the 99 counties. At this time, you can hear from some of our local industries and job generators who will receive benefits from the construction of the new interchange. The County would also like to request that you consider inviting officials from the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Agriculture as their endorsement of the project at this stage of the review may help push the project to the top of the pile for funding consideration.

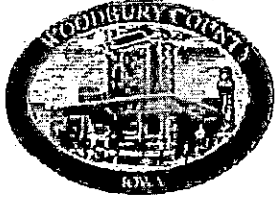
We will work with your staff to schedule a site visit and invite some of our neighboring companies including CF Industries, Gelita, and Sabre, who are in the area of the new interchange. In addition, we will work with your staff to coordinate invitations of local governmental officials including the Woodbury County Board of Directors and neighboring City officials. Timing the visit between July 22 and August 16 would be optimal, especially if other federal department officials are able to accompany you for the site visit.

The new interchange is vital to future development that generates high-quality jobs for the surrounding communities. The importance of this interchange project to highway safety is reflected in the Iowa DOT advancement of the project. Iowa DOT is accelerating development of plans and with federal funding construction can begin in FY 2026, with a fully operational new interchange expected in FY 2028. We hope that you will be available to visit the site and further help the county's efforts in obtaining federal funding for the project. Thank you for your time and attention to this important transportation project.

Sincerely,



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