

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 12, 2019

Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: City of Cottage Grove, Oregon BUILD grant; Main Street Revitalization project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write to express our support of the City of Cottage Grove's application for funding to complete its Main Street Revitalization project utilizing the Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program.

The City of Cottage Grove's application meets the intended purpose of the BUILD program to address unmet transportation infrastructure needs of rural areas. Cottage Grove has devised an innovative plan to restore the economic vitality and improve the accessibility, multi-modal functionality and safety of the Cottage Grove Downtown Commercial Historic District and its surrounding area.

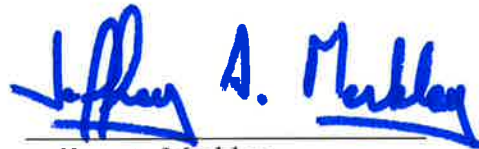
The goals of this project are consistent with the intent of the BUILD program to fund high-impact transportation investments that increase access to safe and affordable transportation; facilitate economic growth and competitiveness; and promote regional connectivity. An investment in the City of Cottage Grove's project is an investment in rural Oregon's future. We are confident that this project will have great impact on the efficiency of Oregon's surface transportation system, its economy, and the lives of citizens for years to come.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the City of Cottage Grove's Main Street Revitalization project. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Juine Chada in Senator Wyden's Eugene office at 541-431-0229 or Courtney Flathers in Senator Merkley's Eugene office at 541-465-6750.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator