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The Honorable Sean Duffy
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Duffy,

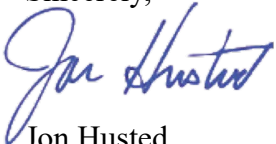
Thank you for your dedication to promoting and funding improvements that enable the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America—now and in the future. I write today to urge your full and fair consideration of the City of Fairfield's Symmes Road Grade Separation project proposal to the National Railroad Partnership Program / Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant Program.

This critical infrastructure project in Fairfield, Butler County, Ohio, will eliminate two at-grade rail crossings—Symmes Road, which carries over 12,000 vehicles daily, and Gilmore Road—by constructing a new overpass. The upgrade will enhance public safety, ease traffic congestion, and improve emergency response and school transportation, while also creating over four miles of uninterrupted rail corridor along a key Cincinnati line used by CSX, Norfolk Southern, and Amtrak, which sees nearly 50 trains daily. With millions of square feet of Class A logistics and distribution centers under construction—and the potential for millions more in adjacent areas—the project supports regional economic growth. Recognized in the FRA's CRISI planning grant to the Ohio Rail Development Commission, this grade separation is a key first step toward improving rail fluidity for both freight and passenger traffic in the Cincinnati region.

The Symmes Road Grade Separation project aligns with FRA priorities by improving public safety, reducing emergency response delays, and enhancing rail fluidity.

I again urge your full and fair consideration of this proposal. Thank you for your work to support the rail infrastructure of our nation.

Sincerely,



Jon Husted
United States Senator