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

Thank you for your dedication to transforming local community development across the nation. I am writing today to urge your full and fair consideration of the City of Columbus' Columbus Post-Crash Care Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) application.

Overall, this investment will supplement the existing safety action plan by developing a comprehensive regional post-crash care plan, pilot new life-saving technology, and modernize prehospital care capabilities for Central Ohio. When Columbus worked with public, private and community partners to launch Vision Zero Columbus in 2020, it made a commitment to protecting lives above all else on the city's transportation system. This commitment has demonstrated measurable benefits, reducing crash fatalities by 35% over the last five years. The Columbus Post-Crash Care project would advance new high-impact, low-cost strategies in Central Ohio communities to save more lives.

There were 443 traffic fatalities in Columbus from 2019 to 2023, according to Fatality Analysis Reporting System data, including 24 child fatalities on our surface streets. Only 151 (34%) of those fatalities occurred at the scene of the crash. Columbus Division of Fire data from 2024 indicated that 6.3% of traffic crashes requiring EMS dispatch required at least one intervention in EMS care during transport to a trauma center. These data points suggest the potential to save hundreds of crash victims with the proposed post-crash care interventions.

An SS4A grant is necessary to sustain significant momentum in creating safer roadways for the growing number of families in Columbus and to deploy post-crash care most effectively across the wide geographic area of Central Ohio.

I again urge your full and fair consideration of this proposal. Thank you for your work to support transportation throughout the country.

Sincerely,

Jon Husted
United States Senator