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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

It has come to my attention that the Summit County Engineer's office has applied to obtain funding from the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. Their proposal is a combined application that includes the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park to fund a "safety and accessibility improvement project."

The Cuyahoga Valley National Park has over 2 million visitors every year, making it the 10th most visited National Park, as well as providing \$137 million in economic support to the region and supporting 2,054 jobs in the area. Due to the popularity of the park, the roads that were originally designed for the park were not meant to handle this type of traffic.

Their project would help develop the Boston Mills area as a focal point in the CVNP, as well as increase accessibility and provide a safer environment. If granted, the funding would help to complete the following projects: stabilizing landslide areas, replacing two bridges, resurfacing roadways, paving shoulders for bicycle use, constructing a pedestrian bridge and pedestrian pathways, relocating and constructing rail stations, improving rail crossings, creation of a 24/7 national park orientation station, and making parking lot improvements for RVs and mass transit.

I realize that you will be receiving many requests for funding. As you move forward in your review process, I hope you will give full consideration to this project's application for funding for the TIGER grant program.

Very truly yours,

David P. Joyce
Member of Congress

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