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Ray LaHood  
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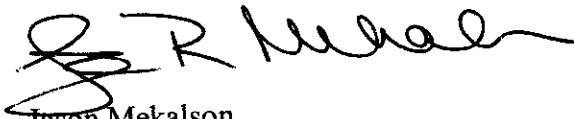
Dear Mr. LaHood;

My name is Jason Mekalson. I serve as the General Manager for Land to Air Express, an airport shuttle service that connects people from Mankato and south central Minnesota to MSP International airport, as well as the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN.

I am writing today in support of the Tiger II application submitted by the City of Mankato for the purpose of constructing a transit facility and upgrade project on Madison Avenue. Land to Air Express, being a privately owned company, understands the need and supports the effort for improved coordination between public and private entities. Moreover, Land to Air Express supports improved intra and intercity mobility options for our region's residents.

Finally, in order to realize sustainable economic growth, not only for Minnesota but the nation as a whole, we feel that improved transit options will be critical. In addition, factor in the aging population and the increased need for services and it seems imperative that this Tiger II application for Mankato is approved. Thanks for your time and if you are ever in Minnesota, the city of Mankato and Land to Air Express would be happy to give you a tour of our great region.

Sincerely;



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