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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
United States Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of East Grand Forks, Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Program

Dear Secretary Duffy:

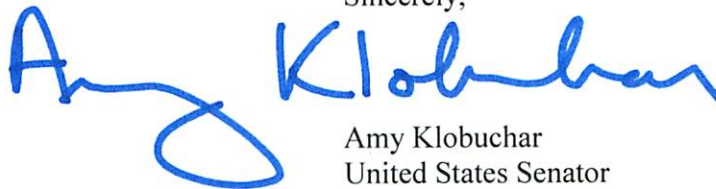
I write in support of the City of East Grand Forks' application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program. If awarded, funding would help cover the preliminary planning and design costs for a new bridge over the Red River.

Located in northwest Minnesota on the banks of the Red River, the city of East Grand Forks is home to nearly 10,000 residents. Situated on the Minnesota-North Dakota border, the city of East Grand Forks is a part of the greater Grand Forks metropolitan area, North Dakota's third most populous region. The two cities are connected via three major bridges that cross the Red River. However, the region is rapidly developing and its population is projected to exponentially increase. In order to accommodate for the significant growth and development in the region, the City of East Grand Forks is actively seeking solutions to address its growing transportation and infrastructure needs.

Funding from the BUILD Program would support preliminary planning and design studies for a new bridge across the Red River, which would improve safety, accessibility, connectivity, and multi-modal transportation. Specifically, funding would cover costs for planning, preliminary and final engineering design, environmental documentation, and permitting for the long-planned bridge; providing another vital link between Grand Forks and East Grand Forks. The planning project would also support a wide range of multimodal transportation options that would address local and regional community needs, help accommodate for long-term growth, and link people to economic opportunities across the region.

Again, I support the City of East Grand Forks' application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Program. If you have any questions, please contact Rommel Lee in my Minnesota office at (612) 727-5220 or by email at Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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