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July 10, 2019

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: BAYFIELD COUNTY WISCONSIN AV PROJECT, LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Megaregion AV Research Coalition (MAVRC) and our partners support the County of Bayfield, Wisconsin in their "BASED in Bayfield" BUILD project. MAVRC is prepared to provide the necessary expertise and resources to accomplish this corridor Autonomous Vehicle (AV) plan and work with the County to implement the project in the years ahead to serve as a rural template and example to other communities on how to incorporate AV planning into new construction.

MAVRC is excited by Bayfield County's forward-looking vision to incorporate innovative connected and automated vehicle (CAV) technologies, especially as it relates to supporting the Northwest Regional Planning Commission's 5-Year Coordinated Transit Plan, as well as supporting the recommendations advanced by Governor Scott Walker's Steering Committee on Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Testing and Deployment, which clearly promotes the entire state of Wisconsin as "Open for CAV Deployment" (Recommendation D).

Based in Madison, Wisconsin, MAVRC was founded by the Wisconsin AV Proving Ground as a national coalition of public, private, and academic institutions committed to developing a safe path to the deployment of AV technologies throughout the U.S.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RF' with a stylized flourish.

Robert Fischer
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Megaregion Autonomous Vehicle Research Coalition