

# United States Senate

July 1, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to you in support of the City-County of Butte-Silver Bow (BSB) and the Port of Montana's application for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation grant funds for rail and road expansion at the Port of Montana and Montana Connections Business Development Park.

Founded in 1988 by BSB, the Port of Montana was created to increase economic development opportunities and job creation within the transportation industry. Additionally, Montana Connections Business Development Park, which is home to the Port of Montana, is an ideal location for industrial development and has a proven track record of successful development efforts and job creation.

If this application is successful, funds will be used expand existing infrastructure, rail access, and increase transload capacity at the Port. Specifically, this proposal would bring rail access to an additional 130 acres creating 22,500 lineal feet of track, improve vehicle access to ten parcels of Montana Connections, and expand broadband services.

I trust you will give this application fair and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Daines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and the last name "Daines" clearly legible.

Steve Daines  
United States Senator