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April 18, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has come to my attention that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation is applying for TIGER VIII funding to improve a number of rural railroad crossings throughout the State of Oklahoma. I cannot think of a project that will have a bigger impact on the lives of our citizens. Efforts to improve highway safety is not only beneficial for Native American communities, it benefits all those who travel rural Oklahoma. This application has my full support and I sincerely hope you too will consider it for approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Lynn at (918) 453-5396.

Respectfully,

Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
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