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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Dr. LaPlante:

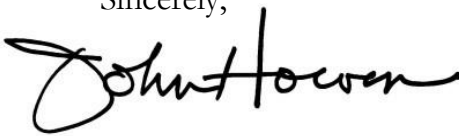
We write to express our support for the application submitted by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) on behalf of its Highway Resiliency Improvement Project to the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program. Thank you for your consideration.

Under this proposal, NDDOT would address existing deficiencies along US-2 and US-52, eleven miles southwest of the Minot Air Force Base, by replacing structural plate pipes with reinforced concrete box culverts to reduce the risk of washouts. Both highways have an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) of approximately 5,500 vehicles and are used not only by the 91st Missile Wing, but also the agriculture and energy sectors in the state.

In order to ensure the resiliency of this vital network, three structures will be replaced, including a mission-essential structure used by the 91st Missile Wing for convoy operations that include a large number of security forces and maintenance vehicles. The proposed project would provide improved reliability and safety, while supporting our nation's defense as well as domestic food and energy security.

Accordingly, we hope this application receives your favorable consideration. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact us with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
US Senator



Kevin Cramer
US Senator



Kelly Armstrong
Member of Congress

C: William T. Panos, Director, NDDOT