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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: INFRA Grant Application  
Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Charter Oak Bridge Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Connecticut Asphalt and Aggregate Producers Association respectfully submits this letter of support for the Connecticut Department of Transportation INFRA grant application for the Charter Oak Bridge project. Our membership firmly believes that this project would have a major impact on improving safety and mobility. The construction of the Charter Oak Bridge approach project will be a major improvement to the movement of freight and the economic conditions of the Region.

The Charter Oak Bridge is one of the priority investment strategies outlined in Connecticut's long-term transportation initiative. The state has budgeted \$190 Million towards the improvements. This region of the state holds two of the top 100 truck freight bottlenecks in the Nation. These improvements will transform a key segment of Connecticut's transportation system; dramatically reducing travel times, traffic incidents and injuries, and providing an economic boost to the economy.

The asphalt & aggregates industry in Connecticut has the capacity to get this job done. Our industry has a proven record of providing quality products. This project, and the residual economic development, would provide a much needed boost to our industry. As you very well know, the construction jobs, especially in material production, are American jobs that provide an immediate economic return on investment. The industry stands poised to marshal our resources to ensure the success of this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  


R. Bradford Oneglia  
President