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CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

October 20, 2017

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

Subject: Charter Oak Bridge INFRA Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

The W.I. Clark Company is pleased to support the Connecticut Department of Transportation in its submittal of an INFRA grant application for the Charter Oak Bridge project. All departments of our business (parts, service, sales & rentals) rely heavily on the road infrastructure in the state of Connecticut to move around in a safe and timely manner, to serve our customers with deliveries and the receiving of parts and big construction equipment. The reconstruction of the Charter Oak Bridge will be a major improvement to the efficient movement of freight in the state and region. This will greatly help the efficiency and success of our business.

We are aware that the City of Hartford is home to two of the Top 100 Truck Freight Bottlenecks in the Nation (ATRI, 2015) and feel improvements are imperative to help ease the congestion and support the economy of the immediate region and New England as a whole. The W.I. Clark Company is excited to be a business partner with CTDOT, Governor Malloy and U.S. DOT to implement the transformative improvements included in CTDOT's INFRA grant application. These improvements will dramatically reduce travel times, traffic incidents and injuries as well as provide an economic boost to the economy.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Hansen
President