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**RE: FY22 - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grant Program, FR-CRS-22-04,
Pelham, Alabama**

Dear Laura Mahoney:

I am writing in strong support for the City of Pelham, Alabama for funding needed from the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program.

I am aware that for years, the City of Pelham has worked with railroad companies to avoid blocked roads, monitored train timing to avoid rush-hour, and prevent major accidents from occurring. Even with the partnerships they have collaborated, they are still seeing issues in a certain area on a regular basis. There are two railroad crossings within 30 yards of each other in Pelham that have become immensely dangerous over the years. They have seen a numerous accidents involving trains and heavily impacted first responders' ability to act quickly. The city recently experienced a track maintenance closure that was not brought to their attention until the day of closure and this impacted the city's ability to notify residents and first responders in the area in an appropriate amount of time.

In the past, the City of Pelham developed a plan that would create a flyover of the specific area that is currently causing issues. At that time the city completed most of the front-end work for the plan, but the total cost was exorbitant. Since that time this road has seen a significant increase of traffic and issues with the train tracks, so the city is again looking to revive and implement this plan. With the City of Pelham receiving the funding that is being offered from the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program, they would be able to create an alternative route for citizens and enhance the safety and infrastructure in the area.

As you can see the funding is desperately needed to complete this project. I ask that you please note my interest and grant all dues. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,



Tommy Tuberville
United States Senator