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

Dear Laura Mahoney:

I am writing in strong support of the City of Pelham, Alabama for funding needed from the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI).

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 worked to prevent major accidents from occurring. Even with these partnerships and collaborations, they are still seeing regular issues in one certain area. There are two railroad crossings within 30 yards of each other in Pelham that have become immensely dangerous over the years. They have seen numerous accidents involving trains, and a heavy impact on 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 in traffic and issues with the train tracks, so the city is again looking to revive and implement this plan. The City of Pelham is applying to the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Program for a grant that will hopefully provide the funding that is necessary for this project. With the grant money, they would be able to create an alternative route for citizens and enhance the safety and infrastructure of 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