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CITY OF HELENA

September 13, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter of support on behalf of the City of Helena and our 22,000 residents for our neighbor, the City of Pelham in their valiant request of funding under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program.

The drive of the City of Pelham and their request for funding of a flyover at Highway 52 in Pelham will eliminate the need of Helena residents to be delayed by trains in having access to enter or exit the City of Helena. Highway 52 is one of the three – two lane main entryways for the immense population explosion within our city. The two railroad crossings that this flyover would bypass helps alleviate one of our city's most critical infrastructure deficiencies with the negative impact of train delays.

For the residents of Helena to be able to gain access to Interstate 65 for daily commutes to the safety of our residents being able to reach medical facilities, the Highway 52 flyover project is the epitome for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program funding.

On behalf of the City of Helena residents, I pray that this funding body receives this letter of support for the City of Pelham in a positive light of multi-jurisdictional partnership when considering the application of this ever-important project.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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