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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Department of Transportation
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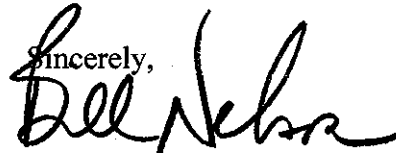
RE: East Central Florida Regional Trail-Missing Link (ECFRRT)

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Volusia and Brevard Counties' efforts to obtain a federal grant. The goal of their proposed project, East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail-Missing Link, is to construct the longest single section of the St. Johns River to the Sea Loop that loops through five counties located in Central Florida. I respectfully request your consideration of these entities for application for federal funding.

Quality transportation programs benefiting residents and tourists to this region are important to me as a U.S. Senator. If funded, this grant will provide a boost to the local economies particularly since Volusia County has an active and growing "eco-tourism" sector.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,


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CC: Ms. Barbara Arthur, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson