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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for funding through the Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP). This project will replace four bridges, three structurally deficient and one at-risk of becoming structurally deficient, in Kingfisher County.

The bridges are all located near Dover, OK, with two bridges located on US-81 and the other two located on a public county road. The bridges were all constructed in the 1960's and have surpassed their useful life with bridge decks classified in serious or poor conditions. The deteriorating conditions have created a significant safety concern for residents, commercial traffic, and emergency responders. The replacement of these four bridges will not only increase safety but also increase reliability of the transportation network in central Oklahoma.

Safety is a core purpose for this project, particularly with a focus on reducing the risk of accidents and structural failures. It is vital that we continue to invest in the safety and efficiency of our nation's highway and bridge infrastructure, especially in states with the most need. The bundling of multiple bridge projects will ensure that projects are delivered timely with cost savings. Additionally, the replacement of these bridges will enhance the efficiency of freight movement, reduce delays, and contribute to sustained economic growth in the region.

Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of ODOT's application for funding through the Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP). Please contact my office should you need any further assistance as you consider this important proposal.

In God We Trust,



James Lankford
United States Senator for Oklahoma