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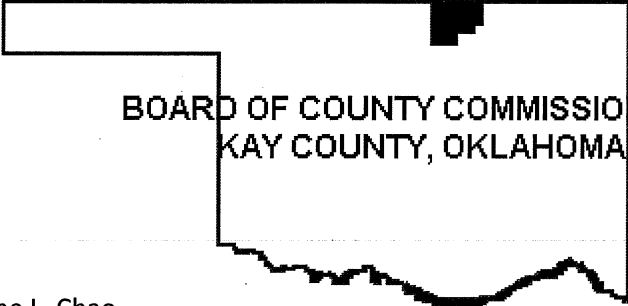
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KAY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

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To the Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

Kay County and the citizens of Kay County fully support the two bridge replacements and the eight bridge raisings that are being bundle into one project which will be located on I-35.

The raising of the bridges will enable I-35 though Kay County to handle larger oversize loads which will encourage economic growth. The two bridge replacements on I-35 which go over U.S. 60 will replace bridges that, as recently as 2017 were rated in poor condition. When the bridges are replaced they will also be widened in order to build additional turning lanes onto U.S. 60 which will make it easier to get on and there by encourage economic growth for the area.

By approving CHBP grant for Kay County, not only will Kay County benefit from this project but so will the area north and south of the county. Because of the improvement to the bridges, the flow of freight through the county will be enhanced and freight and passenger vehicles alike can enjoy a safer trip.

We respectfully request your careful consideration of this application from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Paul Skidmore
Kay County District #3, Commissioner