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

**RE: I-35 Safety & Capacity Improvement Project in McClain County**

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), I am pleased to present this application for 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funds. We take pride in our mission “to provide a safe, economical and effective transportation network for the people, commerce and communities of Oklahoma” and this application has been developed in this spirit.

ODOT is committing \$8,038,000 in non-federal funds of future eligible project costs as local match for the I-35 Safety & Capacity Improvement Project in McClain County, should it be selected for award of BUILD grant funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim J. Gatz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim J. Gatz  
Executive Director

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