



**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

representing Clifton Heights | University Heights | Fairview

May 31, 2018

Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support – Western Hills Viaduct application for BUILD funds

Dear Ms. Chao,

The Clifton Heights University Heights Fairview (CUF) community sits at the eastern terminus of the Western Hills Viaduct. This roadway is a major artery for those coming to or through CUF. It is currently in need of replacement.

The CUF Neighborhood Association has been participating in a group of stakeholders interested in finding a solution to this situation. We understand that Build grant funding may be available.

At our May 1, 2018 meeting, the board of trustees passed a motion to support the City of Cincinnati's application to pursue BUILD grant funds with the caveat that no residences in CUF be demolished in the viaduct replacement. Although we recognize the importance of the viaduct, we are opposed to the destruction of residential areas to support automobile traffic. [That mentality has been used too often to build highways to the detriment of citizens in this city; for example, I-75 through the West End, I-74 through Northside, etc.]

We remain committed to helping find an appropriate solution.

Sincerely,

Linda Ziegler, President,  
CUF Neighborhood Association

Cc: Henry Frondorf, Western Hills Viaduct Coalition  
Greg Landsman, City Council  
Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County  
Catherine Ingram, State of Ohio  
Lou Terhar, State of Ohio  
Brian Griffith, Steve Chabot's office