

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

January 28, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

We are honored to provide this letter of support for the application submitted by the City of Tontitown, Arkansas, (Tontitown) to the Fiscal Year 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program. Funds received will be used to implement a Complete Streets project that will establish new multimodal transportation, improve public safety, and elevate quality of life along a crucial regional corridor.

The Census Bureau's 2025 population estimates indicated that Tontitown grew by approximately 8% between 2023 and 2024, third highest for all cities in Arkansas with at least 1,000 people. In fact, between 2020 and 2024, Tontitown's population has increased nearly 85%, adding more than 3,600 people in that time. This exponential growth has created infrastructure challenges. South Barrington Road is a significant north-south major collector that carries more than 4,800 vehicles per day. As a new elementary school opened alongside this two-lane road in 2021 with further residential development occurring in the area, it is imperative for the city to widen South Barrington Road to include a turn lane, enhance pedestrian access, and relocate utilities. These actions will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians—including school children—while addressing aging transportation infrastructure and increasing community connectivity.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support Tontitown in its effort to secure BUILD funds to execute this needed project. If we can provide any further information that would help explain the dynamic growth occurring and the associated challenges, please let us know. We appreciate your service to our country and to the people in the Third Congressional District.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack
Member of Congress



John Boozman
U.S. Senator



Tom Cotton
U.S. Senator