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Secretary Sean Duffy
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

Congratulations on your confirmation as Secretary of the Department of Transportation. I look forward to working with you to enhance and modernize our nation's transportation infrastructure.

As you embark on your tenure as Secretary, I would like to invite you to visit Washington's 5th Congressional District. My district is home to a vital transportation network that serves as a cornerstone for the local economy and connects the Pacific Northwest to the rest of the country.

In Eastern Washington, we are fortunate to have significant transportation assets, including the Spokane International Airport, key interstate highways such as I-90 and US Route 2, and the Columbia River. These transportation hubs are essential for the movement of goods and people, fostering economic growth and enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

Additionally, the district is served by several major rail lines, including the BNSF Railway, which plays a crucial role in transporting agricultural products, manufactured goods, and other commodities. The efficient operation of these rail lines is vital to the regional and national economy.

Our district also faces unique transportation challenges, such as maintaining and upgrading aging infrastructure, improving road safety, and ensuring reliable public transit options for both urban and rural communities. I invite you to join me in visiting our district to learn more about these transportation assets and challenges, and to explore opportunities for investment and improvement.

The transportation infrastructure in Washington's 5th Congressional District is critical to the prosperity and connectivity of our region. I look forward to working with you to address these challenges and to ensure that our transportation systems are safe, efficient, and resilient.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter and I look forward to hosting you in Eastern Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Baumgartner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Baumgartner
Member of Congress