



May 6, 2020

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

**Re: Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority's 2020 BUILD Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

This letter serves to demonstrate my support for the Fort Lauderdale DDA's BUILD grant application to help fund the design and construction of complete street improvements in Flagler Village.

I operate successful retail and entertainment establishments that are located along both NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street that attract thousands of customers. With a street network that is unsafe and has sidewalk gaps and lack of lighting, it discourages patrons from traveling via non-motorized ways. The DDA's plan to rebuild these two corridors will give people alternatives that are safe and inviting all while prioritizing health.

I also own several vacant properties in the immediate project area. To see investment being made by the public sector gives me and other property owners the confidence to pursue private investment in the future.

I am excited about moving forward with these improvements for all the safety, connectivity, environmental, economic, and health related benefits it will create. Please strongly consider funding this application request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Cardaci", written over a light gray rectangular background.

David Cardaci