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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

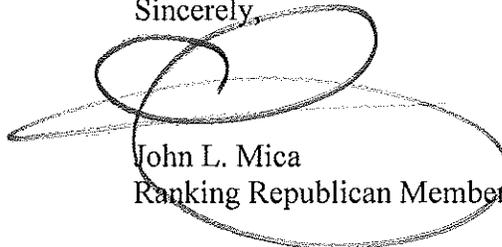
As the Republican Leader on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I am requesting the Department to provide me with all records related to the selection of high-speed rail grant recipients under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

These records should include, at a minimum, all applications, records of internal deliberations, communications between the Department and outside entities including the applicants, private parties, and Amtrak, as well as any scoring or ranking of the various projects.

In addition, I am requesting the Department to post this information on its website and to ensure it is presented in a format that is easily searchable and accessible to the public.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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