



United States Senate

June 29, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

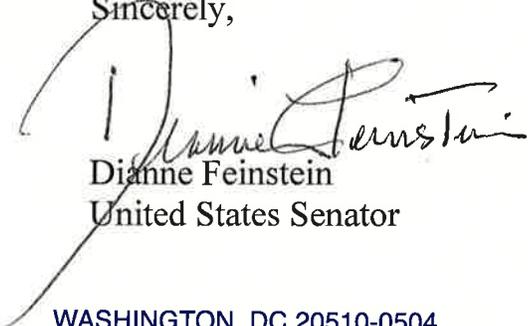
I write to express my disappointment regarding this year's round of funding for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program, and I would like to know why no projects in California received funding.

California is a national leader in goods movement, with significant seaports, railroads, and roadways. As you know, 40 percent of containers bound for the United States travel through Los Angeles County. The state also has a large rural population of over 5 million residents with millions more living in the urban-rural interface. And, importantly, California has prioritized transportation projects by passing state and local revenue measures, including SB-1, which will invest \$54 billion over a decade. Californians have shown they are willing to work with the federal government and have identified revenue to serve as a competitive match.

However, for Fiscal Years 2017, 2018, and 2019, California projects only received approximately 6% of INFRA funds, and in 2020 did not receive any funding from the program. California is the largest state by vehicle miles traveled, has numerous transportation projects underway, has a large rural population, and has invested in local funding. I believe these qualities make California applicants highlight competitive for INFRA funding, and I would like to know why no projects in California received funding this year.

As always, I look forward to working with you on behalf of my constituents.

Sincerely,


Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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