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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Alum Creek Drive Widening (State Route 317 to Groveport Road)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to provide this letter of support for the Franklin County Engineer's federal funding application on the Alum Creek Drive Widening (State Route 317 to Groveport Road) project. We understand that this project will improve 2.6 miles of Alum Creek Drive, including (1) a third through-lane in each direction to existing Alum Creek Drive; (2) installation of pedestrian facilities; and (3) replacement of existing Alum Creek Drive bridges over Big Walnut Creek.

Headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, Cardinal Health, Inc. is a distributor of pharmaceuticals, a global manufacturer and distributor of medical and laboratory products, and a provider of performance and data solutions for healthcare facilities. We are a crucial link between the clinical and operational sides of healthcare, delivering end-to-end solutions and data-driving insights that advance healthcare and improve lives every day. Cardinal Health currently manages a nationwide network of pharmaceutical, medical and laboratory products with a variety of storage, distribution, and delivery options to a national network of tens of thousands of healthcare providers, including pharmacies, hospital systems, alternative care sites, health clinics, and doctors' offices, as well to patients directly in their homes.

While we are a national company, we have significant distribution operations in Central Ohio, including the Alum Creek Drive area. Our National Logistics Center in Groveport serves as a single-entry point to our pharmaceutical supply chain, creating efficiencies that leverage our dedicated transportation network, enabling quick response to customer demand variation to ensure high customer service level. Our new 575,000 square foot medical distribution center at Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park in Columbus increases our ability to store, distribute and deliver products throughout the Central Ohio region and beyond. Operations at these facilities utilize Alum Creek Drive, relying on direct access to highways, Rickenbacker International Airport and the rail intermodal terminal for Norfolk Southern.

Our business and the healthcare systems we support depend on safe and efficient movement of people and goods from place to place. We believe that this project will play an essential role in the efficient movement of supply chain materials, including the critical healthcare products that we distribute and produce.

If you would like any additional information on how this project will impact our agency, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca McQuinn".

SVP, Government Relations and Public Policy