Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 13, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

We are writing in support of the Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and University of Pennsylvania (Penn) application as a National University Transportation Center (UTC) through the US DOT's 2016 Grant Solicitation for the University Transportation Centers Program.

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) were first competitively awarded a Tier-1 UTC in 2011. Subsequently in 2014, CMU and Penn were again competitively selected as one of only five National UTCs and the only National UTC focusing on Safety. The name of this UTC is Technologies for Safe and Efficient Transportation (T-SET).

Over the past five years, T-SET utilized Pennsylvania as a smart transportation test bed through a university consortium of CMU and Penn and through a group of over 70 Deployment Partners including: PennDOT, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Cities of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, as well as other municipalities such as Cranberry and Marshall Townships, just to name a few. These public and private partnerships have been critical to advance T-SET's mission of Research, Development and Deployment of technology to significantly improve the safety and efficiency of transportation.

T-SET continues to prepare students from a variety of disciplines including computer science, robotics, engineering, planning and design, and public policy for this dynamic new world of intelligent transportation systems. Students have the opportunity to engage in cutting edge research and work hands-on with companies who are revolutionizing the industry.

We encourage you to continue support of Carnegie Mellon University and University of Pennsylvania National University Transportation Center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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