



Washington State Tree Fruit Association

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express the support of the Washington State Tree Fruit Association (WSTFA) for the Apple Capital Loop submitted by the City of Wenatchee. WSTFA represents the growers, packers, and marketers of apples, pears, cherries and other tree fruits in Washington State.

The Wenatchee Valley is home to a large portion of Washington State's tree fruit production. Nearly one-third of the state's apple crop is shipped out of warehouses in this area. Our members rely on fluid and efficient transportation in order to move their product from field to warehouse to packing house, and ultimately customers. Improving the efficiency and reliability of transportation for the Wenatchee Valley and our members is why we are in support of this application.

Thank you for considering our members' support for the City of Wenatchee's INFRA grant application for the Apple Capital Loop.

Sincerely,

Ranie L. Haas
Director of Regulatory and Industry Affairs
Washington State Tree Fruit Association