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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Administrator Rogoff and Deputy Administrator Winfree,

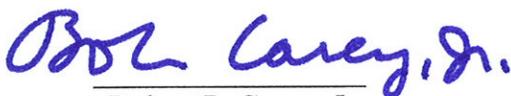
We write in support of the University Transportation Center (UTC) proposal submitted by Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pennsylvania, titled Technologies for Safe and Efficient Transportation (T-SET).

Revolutionary advances in computing, communication, sensor, and analytical technologies can bring dramatic improvement in America's infrastructure and the daily activities of the traveling public. We believe a research and deployment consortium that marries leading-edge information technology innovation with demonstrated deployment capability is essential to address the challenges our nation faces in the transportation sector, such as the costs of maintaining and upgrading infrastructure, meeting the demands of a growing population, providing better accessibility for the aging and the disabled, improving safety, and ensuring that the best new technologies will come from US companies instead of overseas.

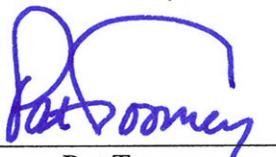
The stated goal of the T-SET UTC is to focus on developing and deploying technologies that will make transportation safer and more efficient. We believe Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pennsylvania have the capability to meet these goals through their high-quality cutting edge research and their demonstrated deployment efforts, notably in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for the Department's full and fair consideration of this application consistent with applicable law, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,



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