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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your letter dated April 22, 2011, concerning the new Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative proposal. Initiatives like this are key components in the successful rehabilitation and reintegration process for our wounded warriors and their families.

Recently, Department officials from the Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy and Military Community and Family Policy teams met with key members of your staff in an effort to continue to collaborate on providing for and enhancing access to transportation for our Service members, veterans, and their families. This initiative will greatly improve their ability to go to medical appointments, to attend classes, to work, and to live more successfully in their communities. We look forward to helping you move this initiative forward and the Department appreciates your focus and continuing support for our Service members, especially our wounded warriors and their families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. B. Byrd".

