

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4402**

February 23, 2026

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
BUILD Grant Program  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for the Shivwits Band of Paiute Indians' FY 2026 BUILD Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Shivwits Band of Paiute Indians and their application for funding under the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program. The Shivwits Band is working diligently to advance the Black Desert development project, a transformative initiative that will strengthen regional mobility, enhance economic opportunity, and support critical infrastructure needs in southern Utah.

The Band's BUILD grant application includes essential planning and pre-construction components that directly align with the goals of the BUILD program, including:

- A civil engineering firm for site development, roadway access, utilities, and traffic;
- A grant consultant experienced with federal transportation programs;
- An environmental and NEPA consulting team;
- A financial advisor to support budget development, cost-share analysis, and benefit-cost evaluation; and
- A Tribal project management lead to provide oversight and coordination.

These activities are critical to preparing the Tribe to meet federal requirements, refine project scope, and advance surface transportation components needed to support the Black Desert development. The project will improve roadway safety, enhance connectivity, support long-term economic growth, and create new opportunities for Tribal members and surrounding communities.

I fully support the Shivwits Band of Paiute Indians in their efforts to secure BUILD grant funding and respectfully urge the Department to give their application full and fair consideration. This planning investment will lay the essential groundwork for a project with meaningful economic, transportation, and community impacts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Celeste Maloy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Congresswoman Celeste Maloy  
U.S. Representative, Utah's 2nd Congressional  
District