

Statement of Congressman Michael N. Castle on the Nomination of Ray LaHood as the U.S. Secretary of Transportation-- December 17, 2008

"I have worked closely with Ray LaHood for many years in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is a pragmatist who places politics on the back burner in order to get things done. Ray will be an asset to the incoming administration with his ability to work on the issues that matter. Transportation needs are crucial in so many areas of the country. In Delaware we are working to reduce traffic congestion and expand the travel options available to commuters by investing in transit and passenger rail. Strengthening our nation's infrastructure is vitally important and will help create American jobs and ensure the safety of our bridges and highway systems. I am encouraged to see that Ray LaHood will be at the forefront of this issue in 2009." ###