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Ray LaHood, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: New Haven Port Authority – TIGER Grant Application

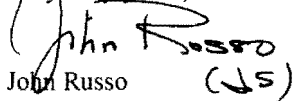
Dear Secretary LaHood:

The New Haven Port Authority is pleased to submit a TIGER grant application for infrastructure improvements which if approved will provide us with the resources to improve intermodal connections within the port. The projects we are proposing in this application are consistent with the objectives the Port Authority identified in its Land Use Plan adopted in 2007.

The TIGER program could provide us with the resources needed to undertake key infrastructure improvements including the reconstruction of Waterfront Street, the main artery serving the port. This project has been fully designed and funds are already available to install rail crossings in the roadway enabling the rail sidings at two terminals on Waterfront Street. The rail sidings and pipeline connections identified in this application we believe will mitigate traffic congestion on I-95 and serve to improve the air quality in a non-attainment area. We have also identified a project within the port district known as the North Yard for bulkhead and dredging work. This area, located at the northern most reaches of the Federal Navigation Channel, represents the only opportunity within the port district to expand maritime uses. In addition, the Port Authority, in consultation with terminal operators, recognized a need for warehouse space within the district to store soluble cargo. We are, therefore, requesting funds to construct such a facility and also to purchase certain equipment to facilitate the movement of refrigerated, containerized cargo.

The Commissioners of the New Haven Port Authority endorse this application and at their meeting held September 10, 2009, voted unanimously to submit it to USDOT. We believe the projects we have proposed meet the objectives defined in the TIGER guidelines and will serve not only to grow the Port of New Haven but have the potential to generate economic growth in the region. I thank you for your consideration of our application.

Very truly yours,


John Russo (JS)
Chairman

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