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

Rc: New Haven Port Authority

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to support the New Haven Port Authority's TIGER grant application for infrastructure improvements within the Port of New Haven. Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W") is a Class II freight rail carrier that has exclusive rights to provide freight service to the business entities located at the Port of New Haven. P&W recognizes the positive impact the proposed infrastructure improvements will have on the efficient movement of freight in Connecticut and beyond its borders. The construction of rail sidings and pipeline connections and the proximity to two (2) major interstates will continue improvements in the area and confirm the important role of the Port of New Haven's intermodal port in regional transportation.

We fully support the New Haven Port Authority's application and consider the proposed infrastructure improvements worthy of funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

P. Scott Conti
President