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Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Chao:

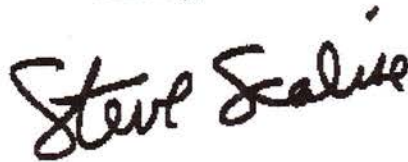
I am writing in support of the application submitted by Port of South Louisiana (POSL) for their *Greenfield Louisiana Project* for funding under the U. S. Department of Transportation 2020 BUILD Grant.. The overall objective of this proposal is construction of a new grain terminal system and dock for the purposes of facilitating the movement of more agricultural goods from producers (U. S. farmers) within the rural local and regional area to end users throughout the world. The proposed project is expected to significantly enhance export trade at the port, particularly to Asia, Central America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The Port of South Louisiana is North America's largest tonnage port, serving as a crucial economic driver for the region and the nation. A recent economic impact study found that the combination of the POSL companies' capital spending and operational spending supported 41 percent of all personal income and 63 percent of all jobs in the region. The Port's continued growth and the vitality of the commerce it supports, however, hinges on improving and expanding its infrastructure.

I am very interested in this matter and would appreciate your keeping me informed of the outcome of this application. Knowing funds are limited and proposals are reviewed through a very competitive basis, I am respectfully asking for full and fair consideration within the applicable laws and regulations. Please review the proposal thoroughly and carefully for its merit.

If you have any questions, please contact me through Pam Marphis in my Metairie District office at 110 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Suite 500, Metairie, Louisiana, 7005, (504) 837-1259. Thanks for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Steve Scalise
Member of Congress

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