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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao:

It has recently come to my attention that the Port of South Louisiana is applying for funding from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. They are requesting \$25 million towards a \$53 million dock that is the first planned component of their overall \$400 million Greenfield Louisiana project. The remaining funds will be raised through a public-private partnership (PPP).

The Port of South Louisiana plans to use the funds to construct a dock as part of a larger project to construct a new grain terminal system and dock. The dock will be located adjacent to the grain terminal. The Greenfield Louisiana project is expected to significantly enhance the export trade of agricultural goods grown in the Mississippi River basin to Asia, Central America, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

I appreciate your department's consideration of this application. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

Sincerely,



Bill Cassidy, M.D.
United States Senator

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