

United States Senate

May 12, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

***Re: FY 2020 U. S. DOT Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)
Transportation Discretionary Grants Program, Port of South Louisiana (POSL) – Greenfield
Louisiana Project***

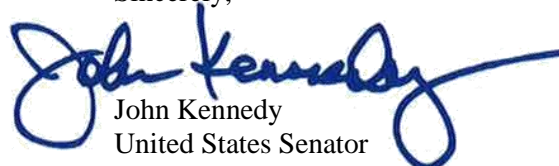
Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to you today to bring to your attention the application submitted by the Port of South Louisiana (POSL) for the Greenfield Louisiana Project. POSL is requesting \$25 million in BUILD grant funding to construct a new grain terminal system and dock for the purposes of facilitating the movement of more agricultural goods from our local and regional farmers and producers to end users throughout the world. POSL is providing \$33,755,400 in matching funds towards this project.

POSL 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 proposed project is expected to significantly enhance export trade at the port, particularly to Asia, Central America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

I respectfully ask that you give your careful attention and consideration to this proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
United States Senator