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The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation
United State Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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**RE: Letter of Support for the Port of South Louisiana
Globalplex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements Project
2017 TIGER Grant**

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing on behalf of the Port of South Louisiana (POSL) to express my support for their 2017 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) proposal.

The Port of South Louisiana is North America's largest tonnage port, serving as a crucial economic driver for the region and the nation. In 2016 alone the POSL logged 294.9 million short tons of total throughput, setting a new cargo volume record. The economic impact of the POSL cannot be overstated. But the Port's continued growth and the vitality of the commerce it supports, however, hinges on improving and expanding its infrastructure.

The proposed **Port of South Louisiana Globalplex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements Project** would allow for a new heavy-capacity dock access bridge, general cargo dock modifications, and replacement of existing dilapidated gantry cranes, with new, highly efficient, on-dock mobile harbour cranes. These improvements promise to reduce travel time, savings of vessel crew, bring the terminal to a state of good repair, and reduce vehicle miles traveled. Additionally, these efficiency improvements increase the Port's capacity to meet industry demand by processing greater cargo volumes in faster time and an energy efficient manner; while expanding business and sustaining regional employment opportunities.

In your analysis, please consider the far reaching regional and national benefits of this project in considering this proposal. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Nosacka