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Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

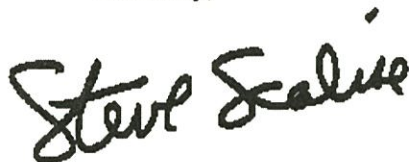
I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Port of South Louisiana for funding under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The overall objective of the GlobalPlex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements Project is catalytic improvements to the Jefferson Highway corridor that includes Ochsner Health System's main campus. It has the potential to serve as a transformational transportation infrastructure project that will benefit not only the hospital, its employees and patients, but also the transit riders in Jefferson and New Orleans, the regional business community and economic development efforts throughout Southeast Louisiana. All of these elements will help to improve services for those with limited income, seniors and those with disabilities. The project involves the construction of two new, highly efficient mobile harbour cranes, dock reinforcement to support the cranes, and a new heavy-capacity dock access bridge.

The resources will be used for improvements to the roadway, including improved pedestrian amenities, some traffic calming elements through the medical corridor, burying of electric utilities and enhancing connectivity between the New Orleans and Jefferson Parish transit services.

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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