

October 2017

Port of South Louisiana

Letters of Support

**Globalplex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements
Project**

TIGER IX Grant

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1802

October 12, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Madame Secretary:

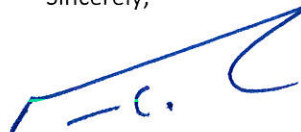
It has been brought to my attention that the Port of South Louisiana (POSL) will submit a proposal for funding to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants program.

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I applaud the Port of South Louisiana's commitment to the community. I appreciate the Department of Transportation giving every consideration to their request. Moreover, I ask that you keep my office apprised of the progress and final decisions made regarding this submission. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Karen Domino, in my district office, at (504) 288-37787.

Sincerely,



Cedric L. Richmond
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October 16, 2017

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RE: Letter of Support/Port of South Louisiana
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2017 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant

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Sincerely,



Garret Graves
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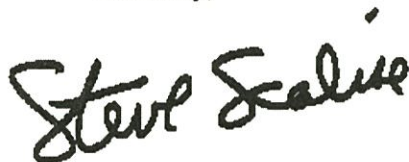
I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Port of South Louisiana for funding under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The overall objective of the GlobalPlex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements Project is catalytic improvements to the Jefferson 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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United States Senate

October 12, 2017

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United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to you today to respectfully ask that you consider the FY 2017 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant application submitted to the United States Department of Transportation by the Port of South Louisiana (POSL).

POSL is North America's largest tonnage port, serving as an economic driver for the region and the nation. In 2016, the POSL logged 94.9 million short tons of throughput, setting a new cargo volume record. The combination of POSL's companies' capital and operational spending in 2013 supported 41 percent of all personal income and 63 percent of all jobs in the region.

The funding of this grant in addition to \$21 Million in local matching funds will be used to construct two new highly-efficient mobile harbor cranes to replace existing dilapidated gantry cranes, dock reinforcement to support the cranes, and a new heavy-capacity dock access bridge as part of the *GlobalPlex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements Project*. These improvements could reduce travel time savings of vessel crew, bring the terminal to a state of good repair, and reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Considering POSL's economic impact in the region and the nation, I respectfully ask that you give your careful attention and consideration to this proposal to continue the growth and vitality of the commerce it supports.

Please contact Jay Vicknair in my Lafayette office at 337-269-5979 or Jay_Vicknair@Kennedy.Senate.Gov with any questions or updates you may have during your review process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
United State Senator

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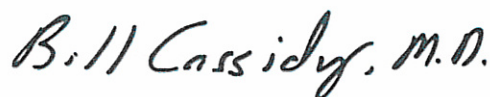
It has recently come to my attention that the Port of South Louisiana is applying for funding from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. They are requesting \$16 million for their GlobalPlex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements Project.

The GlobalPlex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements Project includes the replacement of existing gantry cranes with two Terex Gottwald 6400 mobile harbor cranes. The project would also include the reinforcement of the existing dock to accommodate the new cranes. Additionally, a large dock bridge would be constructed at one end of the dock to allow larger, fully loaded trucks to exit the dock while the existing bridge at the other end would be utilized for the entrance of unloaded trucks onto the dock. The Port anticipates the project will result in greater efficiency in loading and unloading ships, barges, and trucks; increase the Port's capacity; and lower emissions through a reduction in idle engine operations. The \$16 million TIGER grant request would represent 44% of the \$37 million cost of the project. The Port and the State of Louisiana would provide the remaining \$21 million in matching funds.

The Port of South Louisiana is experiencing large annual increases in demand and this project is designed to accommodate its growing needs. The Port is the largest tonnage port district in the United States with over 259.1 million short tons of cargo moving through it. In 2015, approximately 4,413 oceangoing vessels and 57,224 barges called on the port. The Port of South Louisiana is one of the largest single contributors to the Southeast Louisiana regional economy.

I am thankful for the Department of Transportation's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. 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.
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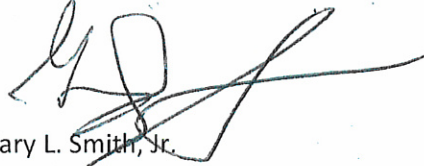
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With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Eddie J. Lambert
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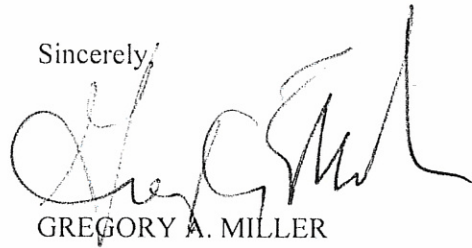
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Dear Secretary Chao:

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is writing to express its strong support for public seaports' applications for FY 2017 TIGER grants. AAPA has been a strong advocate for the program since its inception in 2009. TIGER has made real improvements in our nation's maritime transportation system and needed investments in our multimodal freight infrastructure.

Founded in 1912, AAPA is the unified and collective voice of the seaport industry in the Americas. AAPA empowers port authorities, maritime industry partners and service providers to serve their global customers and create economic and social value for their communities. Our activities, resources and partnerships connect, inform and unify seaport leaders and maritime professionals in all segments of the industry around the western hemisphere. Our letter today is on behalf of our U.S. members.

One of the continued values of TIGER from a maritime perspective is that it leverages considerable private, state and local investments in seaport infrastructure. Since 2009, TIGER grants have leveraged over \$782 million in maritime projects alone. Ports are incubators for public-private partnerships, and the combination of tools and the availability of TIGER funding will allow our nation's ports to facilitate and finance projects that might otherwise lay dormant.

For example, these grants have helped fund seaport intermodal connectors and facilities (including rail, road and short sea shipping); wharf and dock rehabilitation and expansion; improvements in yards, piers, breakwaters and cranes; and improvements overall to rail movements throughout the United States to improve freight mobility.

American seaports and their private-sector partners annually spend more than \$30 billion collectively in marine terminal capital improvements that help handle freight and

cruise passengers more efficiently. TIGER grant investments in port projects help to move these projects forward. In addition to the ability to leverage additional funding, TIGER has been extremely valuable because it is multimodal, which means it funds a variety of transportation modes and projects that are beneficial to ports, the surrounding communities and our national supply chain.

The governments of Canada and Mexico are making large investments in their freight transportation systems, including their seaports. Goods imported and exported do not need to go through U.S. ports. If we do not maintain our infrastructure, more freight will flow through neighboring countries, and we risk losing valuable supply chain jobs. AAPA's 2015 State of Freight survey identified \$28.9 billion in needed freight landside infrastructure investments by 2025. TIGER is the primary federal funding opportunity for ports to make landside improvements.

As the Department of Transportation begins to evaluate the applications for FY 2017 TIGER grants, we urge you to provide 25 percent or more of available funding for seaports' freight-related projects. These projects will help maintain and expand the maritime infrastructure that is so critical to U.S. exports and imports, which are vital to our nation's economy, standard of living and U. S. jobs.

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Kurt J. Nagle
President and CEO



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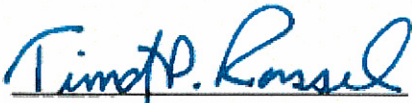
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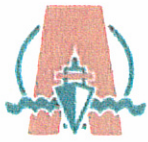
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