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July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chao:

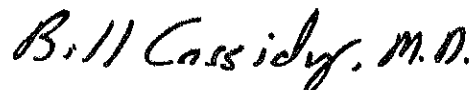
It has recently come to my attention that the Port of South Louisiana is applying for funding from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. They are requesting \$16 million for their GlobalPlex Intermodal Efficiency Improvements Project.

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 BUILD 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 308 million short tons of cargo moving through it. This represents a 19% increase over last year. 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,



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United States Senator

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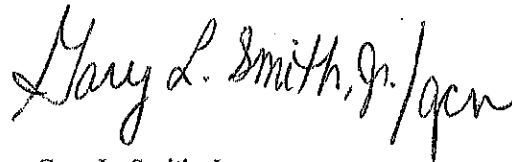
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With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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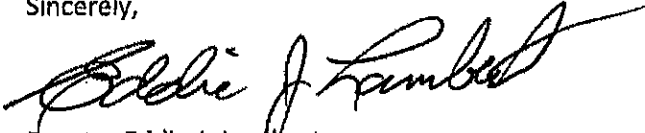
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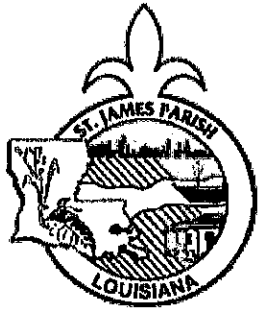
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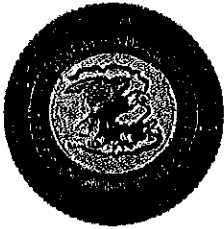
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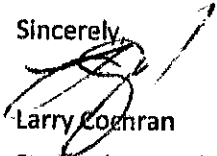
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July 2, 2018

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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 2018 BUILD grants. AAPA has been a strong advocate for the program since its inception in 2009. The BUILD/TIGER program 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.

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. BUILD grant investments in port projects help to move these projects forward. In addition to the ability to leverage additional funding, BUILD is 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.

To highlight the need for multimodal investments, AAPA recently released the State of Freight III – Rail Access and Port Multimodal Funding Needs Report. The report addresses the need for improved rail access – efficient transfer of containers and other bulk goods directly from a maritime vessel to a rail car and vice versa. Sixty-seven percent of our members report that funding and financing options are significant barriers to improved rail access. Forty-three percent of our members report that

improving rail access would contribute to over 25 percent more throughput capacity. Other members with smaller projects report good, although lower throughput gains. Overall, AAPA members identified upwards of \$20 billion in multimodal project investment needs over the next decade.

In the past, 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.

As the Department of Transportation begins to evaluate the applications for FY 2018 BUILD grants, we urge you to provide, at a minimum, 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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The Port of South Louisiana has served as an active supporter of the River Region Chamber since 2004. The River Region Chamber of Commerce proudly represents over 250 businesses and approximately 13,000 employees in St. James, St. John and St. Charles parishes. Your close consideration of support is greatly appreciated.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chassity McComack".

Chassity McComack, IOM
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Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders
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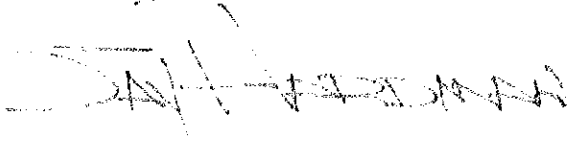
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