

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1806

September 16, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

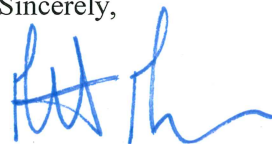
I am pleased to offer my support to the proposal of Port of South Louisiana (POSL). POSL is requesting \$13,910,662 in funding through the Port Infrastructure Development program. This will be matched by non-federal funding of \$11,543,500.

As the largest tonnage port in North America, POSL serves 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 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 Multi-Modal Connections Project* is a fully intermodal project that will include a new heavy capacity dock access bridge, an access road, a rail spur, and a dry storage area with conveyors to move bulk material. Once completed, it will allow the efficient storage and transport of bulk and break-bulk material by rail, water and truck. The project also complements existing port projects currently underway, including dock reinforcement and new mobile harbor cranes.

Thank you for your full consideration of this proposal and continued advocacy for important infrastructure development projects. Please contact Chelbi Johnson or me at (225) 442-1731 with any questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,



Garret Graves
Member of Congress