

United States Senate

September 11, 2019

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

Re: FY 2019 U.S. DOT Port Infrastructure Development Program Port of South Louisiana
Globalplex Multi-Modal Connections Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to you today to bring to your attention the application submitted by the Port of South Louisiana (POSL) for the **Globalplex Multi-Modal Connections Project**. They are requesting \$13.9 million in FY 2019 Port Infrastructure Development Program grant funding and the project has a state match of \$11.5 million in capital outlay funding.

POSL is North America's largest tonnage port, serving 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 proposed 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 would allow for more efficient storage and transport of bulk and break-bulk material by rail, water and truck. Additionally, it could facilitate nearby industrial development by allowing the dry storage and transloading of various construction materials. The project also complements existing port projects currently underway, including dock reinforcement and new mobile harbor cranes.

I respectfully ask that you give your careful attention and consideration to this proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
United State Senator