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April 26, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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**RE: Letter of Support—Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (MCHTD)  
2016 TIGER VIII Discretionary Grant Application**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As the Plant Manger of Planters Rice Mill LLC., based in Abbeville, La, please accept this correspondence as a “Letter of Support” for the Port of Morgan City’s application to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s FY 2016 *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) VII Discretionary Grant Program*. It is my understanding that the port would like to expand their dock for business development purposes, and this would help my company out greatly. Also, I understand that the estimated total costs amount to \$15 million; and, therefore, the port is requesting \$12 million in TIGER funding and will provide a non-federal match of \$3 million. To implement this project, TIGER funds will be used to design, engineer and construct over 64,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of additional dock area at the port, providing immediate economic and safety benefits. I can attest that this is true!

Over the last year, we have been working with Port officials to export rice to Haiti, and my company has a great deal of money and labor invested in this project. We would like to expand, but we realize that we are limited because of the lack of improved property. We are confident that if the port had more linear footage along the Intracoastal Waterway and more room to safely transload our cargo, we could conduct more business, thus increasing the number of jobs and economic development investment, not only in Morgan City, Louisiana, but in other parts of the country and world.

In closing, thank you for your consideration in this matter, Mr. Secretary; and, once, again, please know that I am in full-support of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District’s FY 2016 TIGER application because it improves transportation, safety and economic development in the state and nation.

Sincerely,

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**QUALITY STATEMENT**

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**RE: Letter of Support—Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District's  
2016 FASTLANE Grant Application**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

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In closing, thank you for your consideration in this matter, Mr. Secretary; and, once, again, please know that I am in full-support of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District's FY 2016 FASTLANE application because it improves transportation, safety and economic development in the state and nation.

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