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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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RE: 2016 TIGER Grant Application
Applicant Identifier: Port of Morgan City

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As the Representative of the Third Congressional District of Louisiana, I am very proud to submit this "Letter of Support" on behalf of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (Port of Morgan City), who is applying for funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's FY 2016 *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) VIII Discretionary Grant Program*. The port district is requesting funds for a major infrastructure project at the port that is vital to the area and the nation. I understand that the estimated project costs total \$15 million; and, therefore, the port is requesting \$12 million in TIGER funding and will provide a non-federal match of \$3 million. These funds will be used to design, engineer and construct over 64,000 ft² of additional dock area at the port.

I understand that they have been able to recently attract new business, filling a niche for small-scale vessels. I applaud this endeavor because it has caused several shipping companies to inquire about using the Port as a possible location to ship their goods and cargo; unfortunately, the port is limited in the amount of business they can handle due to a lack in dock area. I know that they have the capacity to expand; and, fully-funding their request will have immediate economic and safety benefits. The enhancement will prepare the port for an expected increase in trade due to the Panama Canal expansion project; and since the port is considered a coastal port, the improvements will provide a "safe harbor" for vessels during tropical systems.

I ask you give full consideration to the port of Morgan City's request for a 2016 TIGER Grant. Thank you for considering my comments in support of the aforementioned grant, and I ask that you please keep my office informed of the outcome of this application.

Sincerely,

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Charles W. Boustany, Jr., MD
Member of Congress

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RE: 2016 FASTLANE Grant Application
Applicant Identifier: Port of Morgan City

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As the Representative of the Third Congressional District of Louisiana, I am very proud to support the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (Port of Morgan City), who is applying for funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's FY 2016 *Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies* (FASTLANE) Grant Program. The port district is requesting funds for a major infrastructure project at the port that is vital to the area and the nation. I understand that the estimated project costs total \$15 million; and, therefore, the port is requesting \$9 million in FASTLANE funding and will provide a non-federal match of \$6 million. These funds will be used to design, engineer and construct over 64,000 ft² of additional dock area at the port.

I understand that they have been able to recently attract new business, filling a niche for small-scale vessels. I applaud this endeavor because it has caused several shipping companies to inquire about using the Port as a possible location to ship their goods and cargo; unfortunately, the port is limited in the amount of business they can handle due to a lack in dock area. I know that they have the capacity to expand; and, fully-funding their request will have immediate economic and safety benefits. The enhancement will prepare the port for an expected increase in trade due to the Panama Canal expansion project; and since the port is considered a coastal port, the improvements will provide a "safe harbor" for vessels during tropical systems.

I ask you give full consideration to the port of Morgan City's request for a 2016 FASTLANE Grant. Thank you for considering my comments in support of the aforementioned grant, and I ask that you please keep my office informed of the outcome of this application.

Sincerely,

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