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Secretary Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Sec. Foxx:

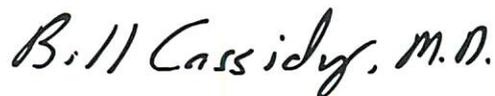
It has recently come to my attention that the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District is applying for funding from the 2016 Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant program. They are requesting \$9 million for an expansion of their dock.

The proposed Dock Expansion and Enhancement project would add over 64,000 square feet of dock space to the port. This expansion would allow the Port to transload more than one vessel at the time. The project is intended to meet the growing needs of vessels along the Louisiana coast for a port capable of handling ships with a draft of less than 20 feet. Located at the confluence of the Atchafalaya River and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, the Port offers three routes of access to the Mississippi River.

The Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District and its partners are providing a 40% match of \$6 million of the total \$15 million project cost. The Port is partnering with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, St. Mary Parish Government, the City of Morgan City, the Town of Berwick, the US Coast Guard, Purina Mills/Land O' Lakes, Morgan City Stevedores, Shapley Marine Services, Babin Marine, Halliburton, Baker Hughes, Planters Rice Mill, Gulfcraft, and Seacor.

I am thankful for the U.S. 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 question, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

Sincerely,



Bill Cassidy, M.D.
United States Senator

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