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Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Port of Palm Beach submission of TIGER grant application for Port of Palm Beach Slip #3**

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to express my support of the Port of Palm Beach Slip #3 application for funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants program. Funding through this grant would be used by the Port of Palm Beach to make much needed repairs to Slip #3. I believe that refurbishing Slip #3 will create jobs in and around the port area and will have a significant impact on the economy in South Florida and the northeast regions of the country.

The Port of Palm Beach Slip #3 project is a crucial infrastructure project that will create jobs and provides an essential source for the transportation of cargo in South Florida and the northeast regions of our country.

Currently, Slip #3 is deteriorating with age and is in desperate need of repair and refurbishment. If the infrastructure of this slip were to fail, the impacts could be devastating for the local economy.

The Port of Palm Beach Slip #3 is used to transport thousands of tons of sugar that is grown in the Everglades region of Florida. This sugar is shipped from the port to locations in the northeast part of the country for processing and packaging.

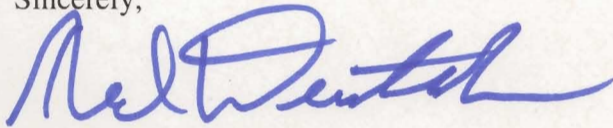
In addition, Slip #3 can handle a wide variety of cargo, including fuel oil for the Riviera Beach and Martin County power plants, molasses, and cement products. In the event of a hurricane, Slip #3 also provides an important entry point for recovery efforts and materials. In the future, the Port of Palm Beach could handle larger vessels with more containerized cargo.

Consistent with the ethics requirements of the U.S. House of Representatives I am fully committed to the Port of Palm Beach's TIGER grant request and therefore, respectfully support its efforts.

I would respectfully appreciate being kept informed of the overall progress of this application. If you have any further questions, please contact my office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Deutch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ted" and last name "Deutch" clearly distinguishable.

Theodore E. Deutch  
Member of Congress  
Florida, District 19