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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I would like to express my support in the TIGER Discretionary Grant application submitted by the Port of Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Florida.

In preparing this grant application, the Port of Palm Beach cited many factors contributing to the need for this funding in my Congressional District and our entire region of Florida.

Funding obtained through this grant will be used to reconstruct and enhance the Port of Palm Beach's Slip #3. The proposed project will widen Slip #3; allowing two ships to safely utilize the slip concurrently, per the United States Coast Guard's request, and maximize productivity.

Additionally, the project will extend the useful life of Slip #3 by 45-50 years, ensuring long term stability for port commerce.

I ask that you give this grant application your most thoughtful and serious consideration. If there is any additional information that my office can provide, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Nick Ciotti at (772) 288-4668 or Nick.Ciotti@mail.house.gov.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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