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Dear TIGER Grant Review Committee:

On behalf of the City of West Palm Beach it gives me a great pleasure to write this letter in support of the Port of Palm Beach Slip 3 project for discretionary grant funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program.

Slip 3 handles the widest variety of cargos upon which so many companies, countries and individuals are utterly dependent. But Slip 3 and the Port cannot continue to do so without greatly needed refurbishment. This important project will contribute to the long-term economic competitiveness of not just the port and region but the nation; will upgrade safety and quality of key existing transportation infrastructure and facilities; will feature sustainability and livability components; and will improve quality of life in economically disadvantaged communities.

The Slip 3 project as well as the Port in general will help create substantial construction employment plus facilitate hundreds of sustained jobs after the construction has been completed, as the refurbished and expanded slip area will support efficient movement of cargos while broadening the port's berthing capacity and scope of services.

The City of West Palm Beach and surrounding communities rely upon the Port of Palm Beach as an important economic engine that helps bring hundreds of good-paying jobs to an economically struggling area.

I thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of assisting in its funding.

Sincerely,

Jeri Muoio
Mayor

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