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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

RE: TIGER III Port of Palm Beach

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Port of Palm Beach's efforts to obtain a federal grant. The goal of their proposed project, The Slip 3 Project, is to provide efficient movement of cargos while broadening the port's berthing capacity and scope of services. I respectfully request your consideration of this entity's application for federal funding.

Quality transportation programs that contribute to long-term economic competitiveness while upgrading safety and quality of key existing transportation facilities are important to me as a U.S. Senator. Slip 3 handles a variety of cargos that include fuel oil for Riviera Beach and Martin County power plants, sugar and molasses, and cement products.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

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CC: Ms. Michelle McGovern, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson