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TIGER Discretionary Grant Program  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Recommendation for Funding for Port of Palm Beach Slip 3

Dear Selection Committee Members:

As the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Vecenergy, the energy division of the Vecellio Group, one of the United States' largest construction and aggregate mining companies, as well as a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, I appreciate this opportunity to confirm the importance of the Port of Palm Beach Slip 3 project.

The Port of Palm Beach is integral to the ability of Vecenergy to bring petroleum products into South Florida from the U.S. Gulf Coast, Europe and Central and South America. In particular, Vecenergy is a significant supplier of liquid asphalt used for infrastructure projects including public and private road paving and development. The slip modifications at Port of Palm Beach are necessary for Vecenergy to continue to these products to its end users. These users include major construction companies and ultimately state and local governments.

Vecenergy has a history spanning more than a decade with Port of Palm Beach, while the privately held Vecellio Group has been in business for over one hundred years. We have considerable company investment in infrastructure for operations at Port of Palm Beach. As a significant leader in energy, construction and quarries, our group of companies can only continue to serve its customers and provide construction materials for South Florida if we can fully use the Port's network that includes Port of Palm Beach as a key bulk commodity handler.

In final, Vecenergy highly recommends funding for the Port of Palm Beach Slip 3 project, so that products can be handled environmentally friendly, safely and delivered at the lowest possible cost into the significant U.S. market of South Florida.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd M. Cannon".

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