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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U. S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao:

It has come to my attention that the Port Authority of Kansas City (Port KC) is applying for a grant through the United States Department of Transportation/Maritime Administration' Port Infrastructure Development Grant program for the Missouri River Terminal project.

The Missouri River Terminal project is a multimodal freight center located on the Missouri River in Kansas City and provides access to rail, interstate and water transportation resources. This project was developed from a freight study commissioned in 2015 by Port KC and the Economic Development Agency, showing that the projected growth of the freight market in the Kansas City region would double by the year 2040.

Funds from this PIDG grant would be used for planning and remediation efforts for the Missouri River Terminal project. It is the intention of Port KC to leverage these funds to attract private capital investment through a comprehensive public/private partnership.

The efforts of Port KC to increase the freight capacity of the region and spur economic development along the Blue River Industrial Corridor is to be commended. It is my hope that you will give Port KC's application your full and fair consideration.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator