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Via Electronic Delivery
The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
Department of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Re: 2016 TIGER Grant Application - Philadelphia Regional Port Authority

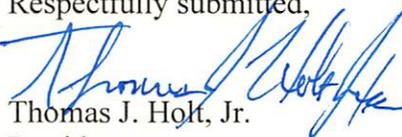
Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of Astro Holdings, Inc., the Lessee of the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the TIGER grant application submitted by the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority ("PRPA") entitled "Berth and Crane Rail Enhancements (the "PRPA Grant Application").

PRPA's proposed infrastructure improvements and electrification of container cranes at the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal, the largest container terminal in the Philadelphia Port, will represent a significant improvement to United States East Coast economy, environment and transportation system. The Port of Philadelphia is the last port in the United States to utilize diesel ship-to-shore gantry cranes. Electrifying these cranes and procuring new cranes provides the ability to stevedore larger more economical containerships in the Port of Philadelphia while reducing diesel combustion emissions that contribute to ground level ozone and fine particulate concentrations. This project is consistent with federal, state and local efforts to reduce diesel combustion while at the same time modernizing the port infrastructure that is the basis for competitive operations benefitting both the local and national economy. The Panama Canal is being expanded this year and the Delaware River federal channel is being deepened next year, both enabling larger vessels to service the region to and from the world reducing the cost of freight transportation and improving the cost of living at home and abroad.

Astro Holdings, Inc. enthusiastically supports the PRPA Grant Application. The plan included within the grant is a milestone to assuring the sustainable future of the Port of Philadelphia and efficient and economical international trade for the region.

Respectfully submitted,


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President