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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO's Support of Philadelphia Regional Port Authority TIGER Grant Applications

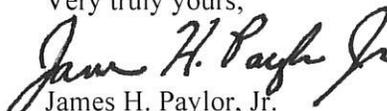
Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO (ILA), I am writing to express the ILA's strong support for the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's (PRPA) TIGER grant applications for the SouthPort Marine Terminal Development and the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Berth and Crane Rail Enhancements Project.

These projects are vitally needed if Philadelphia is to remain an economically viable port in the northeastern United States. The imminent opening of the improved locks of the Panama Canal signals that Philadelphia and other ports on the East and Gulf Coasts are poised to handle larger ships with significantly greater amounts of cargo. Without immediate capital investment, it is likely that the Port of Philadelphia will founder and the economic vitality of not only Philadelphia but the entire immediate region will be compromised.

Moreover, these projects will also directly affect waterfront employment opportunities for ILA members due to the increased number of workers necessary to handle these larger cargoes. However, not only the livelihoods of ILA members will be affected but also the livelihoods of those workers whose employment is dependent on a robust flow of cargo through the port. Accordingly, the ILA lends its wholehearted and unequivocal support to the PRPA's TIGER grant applications.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Edward G. Henderson, Director of Finance and Capital Funding,
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