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

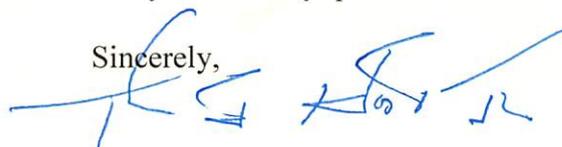
Dear Secretary Foxx:

Astro Holdings, Inc (Astro) is the tenant and a significant private sector investor of the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal (PAMT), a Pennsylvania public sector asset. Astro is expanding its operations at the PAMT in the Port of Philadelphia (Port) because of the tremendous investment the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PRPA) is making to renovate and develop this marine terminal. The PRPA's Fast Lane Grant is critical. This application addresses the need to remove antiquated warehouses from the PAMT and create modern near-dock warehouses resulting in both more marine terminal capacity to grow import volumes and confidence that proper warehouse handling and shelter required for food grade perishable cargos is available. The integration of marine terminals and warehousing services is vital to the international cargo supply chain industry and to the future of the Port of Philadelphia. We believe there is tremendous growth opportunity for business activity in the future in Philadelphia and the entire Delaware Valley region. Therefore, Astro is pleased to support the application by the PRPA for a \$25 million Fast Lane Grant from the United States Department of Transportation. We recognize the importance of the Port of Philadelphia and the significant impact that its growth and development brings to the economy, our business, future investors in the Port, and the entire region in numerous ways.

The special handling of sensitive perishable imported food products is a niche service offering the Port of Philadelphia has. Efficient, low-cost and damage free cargo handling and transport are crucial for this business. The grant funds will enhance productivity and economies-of-scale at the Port of Philadelphia via the construction of approximately 365,000 sq. ft. of new relocated warehouse space replacing old space in unfavorable on-dock areas. This investment facilitates container growth and direct low cost sourcing of international supplies to the consuming population and is of great importance to our business, other stakeholders' businesses and the residents of the entire region. Ultimately this project will lower the cost of living, promote new residential and commercial investments, and improve consumer surplus and the overall economy.

Feel free to contact my office at 856-742-3021 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J, Holt, Jr.  
President