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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the City of Oakland to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

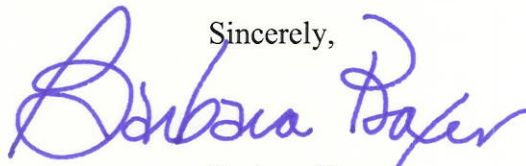
The City of Oakland is restoring its waterfront by converting the former Oakland Army Base adjacent to the Port of Oakland into a thriving trade and logistics center. The City estimates that redevelopment of the Base has the potential to generate 3,000 jobs, enhance intermodal transportation capacity, increase economic competitiveness, and reduce emissions by expanding the use of rail.

If awarded, this \$20 million grant funding will help expand rail cargo transfer capacity by nearly four-fold, making access to the Port more efficient for existing Port shippers, and solidifying the Port's position as a premier export gateway.

I have attached a letter from Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who also supports this application.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this application. Should you or your staff have questions regarding, please feel free to contact my Senior Field Representative, Jennifer Tang, at (510) 286-8521.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator