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Secretary Ray LaHood
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to support the City of Oakland's TIGER IV grant application to convert the decaying former Oakland Army Base into a thriving Trade and Logistics Center by developing the Port of Oakland's Phase I Intermodal Rail Project.

The Oakland Army Base was decommissioned over 10 years ago and is now well-positioned for economic development. With a master plan in place to secure the private and public resources needed to install new infrastructure and prepare the site for commercial development, the TIGER IV grant can solidify maximum development by providing the resources necessary to promote regional transportation and commerce in the area.

With the potential of creating quality jobs, enhancing intermodal capacity for the Port, substantially reducing emissions due to expanded use of rail and increasing the overall economic competitiveness of the Port, the approval of this grant leads to immediate benefits for the city and region. Cleaning the air for the surrounding community and mitigating the decaying and wasteful infrastructure currently serving the site is essential. In addition, millions of dollars in contracting opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will stimulate the economy of a city that is suffering from the recession impacting the State of California and nearly all local governmental agencies.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through my District Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loni Hancock".

Loni Hancock
Senator

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