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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 in support of the grant application submitted by the City of Oakland to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program.

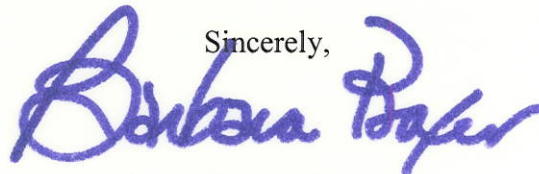
The City of Oakland is restoring its waterfront by converting the former Oakland Army Base (OAB) adjacent to the Port of Oakland into a thriving trade and logistics center. The city estimates that redevelopment of the Base has the potential to generate 3,000 jobs, enhance intermodal transportation capacity,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

If awarded this \$40 million grant, the City of Oakland will begin building a marine terminal at the OAB, expand rail access, replace portions of the OAB's aging utility network, and make other improvements to the Base.

This project has the support of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, California Governor Jerry Brown, and a number of my colleagues in the House.

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

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator