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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Oakland's TIGER III grant application to convert the former Oakland Army Base into a new Trade and Logistics Center.

The City and the Port of Oakland have been working to redevelop the Oakland Army Base and surrounding lands since the base's closure in 1999. The City and Port, together with private business partners, plan to create a vital international trade and industry center that will provide jobs, increase global competitiveness, and provide a range of benefits locally, regionally and nationally.

With these funds, the City of Oakland seeks to finance the first phase of the Oakland Army Base redevelopment, which includes:

- Constructing a new intermodal rail terminal to accommodate a twenty-fold increase in capacity;
- Converting maritime berths into a modern terminal for movement of commodities brought in by rail;
- Constructing new distribution centers for use by importers/exporters for goods movement;
- Relocating two recycling operators, located in a mixed-use neighborhood of West Oakland, to the industrial area adjacent to the terminal in order to improve export of metals, paper and other collected materials; and
- Enhancing arterial roadways.

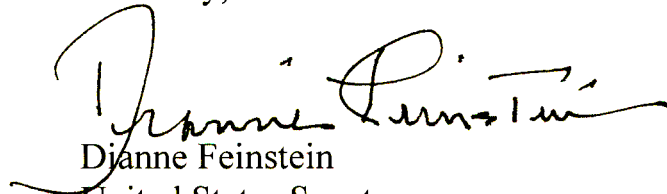
This project has the potential to create as many as 3,000 construction jobs and 4,000 permanent jobs, with a target of 50% of those jobs going to Oakland

residents. Additionally, Federal investment, which accounts for only 9% of the total estimated project cost, will leverage significant State, local, and private funding. Finally, this project will contribute to the President's initiative to double exports by 2015.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and I look forward to being updated on its progress. If you have any questions regarding this grant application, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Katie Gross in my San Francisco office at (415) 393-0707.

I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter. May I wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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