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United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE,
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support of BUILD Grant application
City of Jefferson of Behalf of the Pending Heartland Port Authority of Central Missouri

I am writing in support of the cooperative efforts by Cole and Callaway Counties, and the City of Jefferson as they are submitting a BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant application. This grant will provide funds for preliminary planning and design work to support a regional port authority located in Cole and Callaway Counties.

Cole and Callaway Counties, and the City of Jefferson are working aggressively to acquire property for the construction and enhancements of infrastructure to encourage private investment at both the identified north and south port sites. The port project would greatly enhance existing commerce and attract new market opportunities to the Mid Missouri area. It will also assist in easing freight traffic flow on all primary and secondary highways and roads in Central Missouri.

The Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce is currently facilitating, on behalf of Cole and Callaway Counties, and the City of Jefferson, the preliminary planning efforts for design funding for the Port Project. To date, the Cole County and Callaway County, together with the City of Jefferson have authorized the use of local public funds as a match for the twenty percent local match required by the BUILD grant program.

I respectfully request your full consideration for the Cole and Callaway Counties, and the City of Jefferson's BUILD grant application. Feel free to contact my Jefferson City office with any questions regarding this letter of support.

I am honored to serve the citizens of the 3rd Congressional District.

Respectfully,



Blaine Luetkemeyer
Member of Congress