

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Secretary Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to express support for the application submitted by the coalition of Jefferson City, Callaway and Cole Counties for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant to fund preliminary planning and environmental and engineering services for the planned Heartland Port of Central Missouri on the Missouri River.

The Heartland Port project will include two new port facilities along the Missouri River; one port will be located on the north side of the river at the preexisting OCCI, Inc. temporary port, and the other port will be built south of the river in between the US National Guard facility and the Missouri Department of Corrections facility. The coalition also hopes to improve the railway and roadway systems near the proposed site.

Improvement of these transportation systems will allow for a more cohesive transfer of goods from the roads and railways to the river. The Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce has conducted a feasibility study that verified that this project would be economically beneficial to the central Missouri area.

The Heartland Port of Missouri provides the opportunity to foster economic development in central Missouri, and this grant would provide the funding necessary for planning and engineering the project. Thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of this application. Please keep me apprised of the application's progress.

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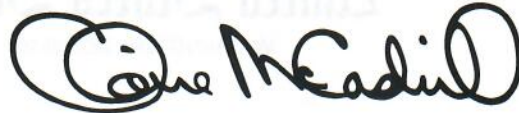
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire McCaskill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and "M".

Claire McCaskill  
United States Senator