

## United States Senate

June 4, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

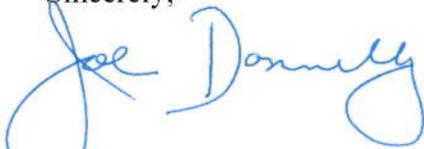
Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville is the fastest growing port on the Inland Waterway System. Located on the northern bank of the Ohio River in Jeffersonville, Indiana, the Port handled more than 2.4 million tons of cargo in 2014, a 48 percent increase over 2013 and the largest volume of freight handled there in its 30 year history. With a multi-billion dollar investment by Indiana and Kentucky in two new bridges that span the Ohio River and connect the two states, as well as the conversion of a former defense facility into an industrial center, the Port is poised for strong growth, however, it is nearly operating at peak capacity. For this reason, I support the Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

The Port plans to use the funding to extend its rail track, which will allow it to increase acceptance of inbound rail cars including unit trains, and double its freight handling capacity to transfer bulk commodities from trucks and rail to barges for waterborne transport. This increased use of the waterway for bulk freight shipments will reduce congestion on rail- and roadways while creating additional job opportunities throughout the supply chain.

In light of the multiple benefits this project will bring to Indiana and the region, I respectfully request that you give the Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville application for its port rail extension project full and fair consideration, in a manner consistent with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being informed when a decision is announced. Questions and announcements can be directed to my Grants Director Marianne Black, at [Marianne\\_Black@donnelly.senate.gov](mailto:Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov) or by telephone at (317) 226.5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly  
United States Senator