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September 1, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to express my support for the application submitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in partnership with Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Tennessee to implement the Appalachian Regional Short Line Project through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

As you know, rural areas of Kentucky, especially Appalachia, face transportation challenges that affect their economic prosperity. Without basic transit connections, goods and services are unable to move through these areas, hindering job growth. It is my understanding that the Appalachian Regional Short Line project would invest grant funding in short line railroad rehabilitation and extensions in five Appalachian states. In short, supporting Appalachian railroads has the potential to attract industry, create jobs, and move goods through areas underserved by national highways.

I hope you will realize the importance of this project to Kentucky and give every favorable consideration to the application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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Dear Secretary LaHood:


I write to express my support for the application submitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in partnership with the state of Indiana to replace the US 421 Ohio River bridge between Milton, Kentucky and Madison, Indiana through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

As you may know, the current bridge is deteriorating and weight restrictions have been put in place to keep the structure safe. This bridge links two historic communities and is an important economic connection between Kentucky and Indiana. It is my understanding that these grant funds would be used to replace the current structure. In short, replacing this hazardous bridge will improve and preserve these river communities.

I hope you will realize the importance of this project to Kentucky and give every favorable consideration to the application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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September 10, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to express my support for the application submitted by the Paducah-McCracken Riverport Authority, in partnership with the City of Paducah and McCracken County, to rehabilitate and expand a regional port through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

The Paducah-McCracken Riverport Authority seeks funds to reconstruct a 32-year-old dock, replace a section of the 70-year-old floodwall, which is in disrepair, as well as constructing a bridge crane and docking area. It is my understanding that Paducah is the northern most warm water port that assures year-around access. In short, making these necessary improvements will enable Paducah and the region to improve its economy and make for a more efficient transportation system through an integrated transportation network with the ability to participate in the "container on barge" service.

I hope you will realize the importance of this project to Kentucky and give every favorable consideration to the application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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September 24, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to express my support for the application submitted by **Hardin County, Kentucky** for **funding** from the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

**The Muldraugh Bridges** are located in Hardin County on the Paducah & Louisville Railway main line. I am told the bridges, which consist of two separate steel railroad bridges originally constructed in the 1860s, are in need of immediate reconstruction. These bridges are a key part of the Strategic Rail Corridor Network and Defense Connector Lines adjoining Fort Knox, Kentucky. They also serve numerous customers using the rail line to transport their goods – such as coal, steel, and grain, among others - to market. It is my understanding that these grant funds would be used to replace the current bridges with safer, more secure structures.

In short, **replacing these important bridges** will preserve the rail line for future use by Kentucky's industry and military operations. I hope you will realize the importance of this project to Kentucky and give every favorable consideration to the application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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September 29, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to express my support for the application submitted by Warren County, Kentucky for greenway improvements through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

The Warren County Fiscal Court, in cooperation with the City of Bowling Green and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, among others, seeks funds to construct nearly 90 miles of greenways facilities including multi-use off-road trails, shared paths, and bike paths in and around Bowling Green, Kentucky. During my tenure in the U.S. Senate, I have worked to secure funds to support greenways projects, specifically a bike path and park project on Bowling Green's riverfront, and I support their efforts to continue these improvements.

In short, making these necessary enhancements will enable Warren County to improve roadways, bike routes and trails to better preserve natural resources and promote the region's economy. I hope you will realize the importance of this project to Kentucky and give every favorable consideration to the application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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