



August 18, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for TIGER II Application by the City of Providence, RI

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC), I am writing to support the ReNEWable Port project and ask the Department of Transportation to fund this innovative public-private partnership through the TIGER II program. The QDC was awarded a \$22.3 million TIGER grant to fund the Quonset Wind Energy and Surface Transportation (QWEST) project to bolster the development of offshore wind farms and short sea shipping throughout the Northeast. The QDC sees many synergies with the Port of Providence, and looks forward to leveraging its QWEST project with the additional funding provided through the ReNEWable Port initiative.

The City of Providence has partnered with ProvPort, the largest marine terminal in the Port of Providence, to create the ReNEWable Port strategy, which will create jobs, improve freight mobility, and reduce harmful emissions that contribute to climate change. Providence's TIGER II application will maximize the economic impact of federal investments in Rhode Island's maritime sector. By funding the ReNEWable Port project, the US Department of Transportation will be investing in strategic infrastructure that will create a healthy maritime sector at both ports and help the Maritime Administration expand America's new Marine Highway along the I-95 Corridor.

Again, I would like to reiterate my support for the Providence ReNEWable Port project and ask the US DOT to provide funding for this innovative approach to job creation and alternative energy production for Rhode Island.

Sincerely yours,


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Managing Director