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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
The U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is my understanding that the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) of Pittsburgh, has submitted an application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery IV (TIGER IV) grant program through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

I have been informed that the URA will use this grant for the Eastern Gateway Intermodal Center project, located in the East Liberty neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh. It is my understanding that this project is a multiple-agency investment initiative to transform the second-busiest transit area in the regional system in a high priority economic development area for the entire Pittsburgh region. Additionally, the Intermodal Center Project will eliminate the physical barriers that separate East Liberty's commercial development core and the strong residential market. I have been advised that this project has received the support of various public and community stakeholders, including East Liberty Development Initiative, Port Authority of Allegheny County and Allegheny County Economic Development. Furthermore, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has invested over \$8.8 million in funding for the execution of the Eastern Gateway Infrastructure Plan-which includes the Intermodal Center Project. As it appears, continued investment in this project and revitalization of the project area will spur local and regional economic and job growth.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (412) 803-7370.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator