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Dear Secretary LaHood,

We are writing to express our strong support for \$258 million in funding requested for the National Gateway through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. This unique initiative is supported by a large coalition of public and private sector leaders, including five governors, two dozen members of Congress, three port authorities, and a large group of global shippers, ocean carriers, business organizations and environmental groups.

The National Gateway will create a state-of-the-art rail corridor between the Mid-Atlantic's international ports and the Midwest's manufacturing centers through use of double-stack trains. By providing the necessary capacity, facilities and equipment for highly-efficient rail service, the National Gateway protects our ability to serve our customers.

In addition, the National Gateway will convert over 14 billion highway miles to rail, reduce Carbon Dioxide emissions by over 20 million tons and reduce fuel consumption by nearly two billion gallons.

The National Gateway will not only protect the environment and our nation's infrastructure, but it will also create thousands of new jobs and help us compete for even more high-value jobs by expanding our nation's ability to deliver manufactured goods to and from world markets. By providing new freight transportation options, the National Gateway will save over \$3.5 billion in shipping costs.

The importance of east coast ports will grow over the next 20 years. We believe the National Gateway will significantly enhance our ability to provide premier transport services to our customers and urge you to support this important infrastructure development initiative.

Sincerely,

William Weng  
Director/Intermodal Services