

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 29, 2013

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write in support of the Pease Development Authority (PDA) in its application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Returns (TIGER) V Grant Program for \$11.025 million to rehabilitate and expand the main wharf of the Market Street Marine Terminal located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The Market Street Marine Terminal was originally constructed in 1964 and expanded in 1977. The facility is New Hampshire's primary marine port of entry and acts as a major contributor to the regional economy. Without significant upgrades, the Market Street Terminal is threatened with future closure, as the conditions of the wharf's access bridges and other key components have deteriorated significantly and are no longer sufficient to handle anticipated cargo loads from larger, modern vessels. In fact, one of the two access bridges recently collapsed and is no longer usable.

With support from TIGER V, PDA will repair the collapsed access bridge, improve the structural integrity of the main wharf and expand the terminal by 29,000 square feet to increase cargo offload capacity and accommodate Panama-class vessels. These changes will not only ensure the safe operation of the Market Street Terminal, but will also improve the port's operational efficiency.

I support the Pease Development Authority's application for TIGER V funding to rehabilitate and expand the Market Street Marine Terminal and urge your serious consideration of this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senate