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The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
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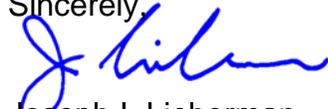
Dear Secretary LaHood:

It is my pleasure to write in support of the application submitted by the State of Connecticut for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant for the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements – Independent Wheel True Facility Project.

I understand that the Independent Wheel True Facility Project is one of the projects encompassed by the New Haven Rail Yard Facilities Improvements Project, which will modify and expand the yard facilities in order to meet current and future storage needs, as well as inspection and repair requirements for the fleet of rail vehicles used on the New Haven Line. According to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the productivity limitations and advanced age of the nearly fifty year old machinery present a substantial risk to the reliable continuance of New Haven Line passenger service.

The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements – Independent Wheel True Facility Project is an important undertaking for Connecticut. I support this proposal and, therefore, respectfully request that it receive full and fair consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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