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

Subject: Congressional Letter of Support for Connecticut Department of Transportation Harbor Point development project – TIGER Funding Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

This letter is to express my strong support for the **Connecticut Department of Transportation Harbor Point development project**.

Historically, this region has suffered from an economic disadvantage due to antiquated infrastructure and excessive traffic congestion. The loss of manufacturing jobs in the region hurt the economy and created streetscapes lined with vacant industrial buildings and brownfields. This project will foster the redevelopment of brownfields and vacant factories and put people, residences and businesses, within walking distance of the region's primary train station and commercial center. Thereby creating jobs, reducing traffic congestion, improving economic competitiveness and providing a livable, sustainable community for thousands of families.

The Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project enables the Harbor Point Project, a transit-oriented development, to proceed, by improving the core urban road network to support 4,000 new residential units and 1 million square feet of new commercial and mixed-use space that will revitalize this economically disadvantaged area of Southwestern Connecticut that was once an 80-acre blighted area, to a livable, sustainable community and creating over 50,000 new jobs.

The Harbor Point Project will be of great benefit to the citizens of Stamford and the surrounding towns. This project will provide employment, enhance mobility, repair and improve antiquated infrastructure, which is critical to the area's economic stability and growth, as well as to the livelihoods and personal lives of the citizens of the 4th Congressional District. It is for these reasons that I support the Connecticut Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application.

Sincerely,

James A. Himes
Member of Congress

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