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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

RE: City of Saint Charles' request for BUILD funding

Please accept this letter as my support for the City of Saint Charles' request for BUILD funding. The Bangert Island Riverfront Development project will transform the riverfront of Saint Charles into a center for economic prosperity, expand the transportation infrastructure, restore aquatic habitat, and establish a water quality basin along the Missouri river. The City of Saint Charles now owns the entirety of the Phase 1 development area. The city has partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for preliminary design and environmental work, making it ready for development.

It is estimated that the completion of the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation Project will increase economic activity in the region by \$1.5 billion and add 4,000 new jobs. This project's impact is beyond the community of St. Charles, as it will be a destination like no other in this region of the United States. In addition, the project will have a positive impact on the Missouri River by reducing the amount of pollutants and creating safe havens for animals living in this area, resulting in improvements to the environment.

The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation has the support of the entire Missouri legislative delegation, along with local business and community leaders.

For the reasons listed above, I fully support this project and its request for BUILD funding in order to bring this project to fruition in the near future. Any questions regarding my support can be directed towards my Jefferson City, MO office.

Respectfully,



Blaine Luetkemeyer
Member of Congress