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Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Washington DC 20590

Dear Transportation Secretary Chao

On behalf of the City of Saint Charles, specifically the residents of the Third Ward, which I represent, please accept this letter as a sign of support and commitment to the Bangert Island Riverfront Development project; and BUILD Funding. The transportation investment in this project will transform the riverfront of Saint Charles into a center for economic prosperity, create multimodal transportation infrastructure, restore aquatic habitat and establish a water quality basin along the Missouri River.

I fully support the City of Saint Charles in their efforts to complete this project. The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation Project will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors by granting them a destination like no other in this region of the United States. I, and our residents, look forward to the creation of a new "front-door" to our community that we will all be proud of.

The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation has the support of our entire legislative delegation. The Missouri House and Senate, the Governor, U.S. Senators and U.S. Congressman support this effort. The project is also supported by local businesses and community leaders.

The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation Project extends beyond the boundaries of Saint Charles. This project will provide our region with \$1.5 billion in new economic activity while attracting 4,000 new jobs. The project achieves these results while improving the environment by reducing the pollutant load entering the Missouri River. The project will also create habitat for endangered species.

I ask that you consider this project for BUILD funding. Federal funding and cooperation will bring this project to fruition in the near future.

Sincerely,



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