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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, please accept this letter as a show of support for the Bangert Island Riverfront Development project's BUILD grant. The investment in this project will help 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.

SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital – St. Charles fully supports the City in their efforts to complete this project. Since the dedication of St. Joseph Hospital in 1891, SSM Health has been a member, supporter and friend of the St. Charles community. 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.

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 pollutant loading entering the Missouri River and creating habitat for endangered species.

I ask that you consider this project for BUILD funding to help bring this project to fruition in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Lisle Wescott  
St. Charles Market President  
SSM Health

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Tanner Smith  
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