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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 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.

The Home Builders Association of St. Louis and Eastern Missouri (HBA) supports 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.

The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation has the support of our entire legislative delegation. Members of the Missouri House of Representatives and Senate, Governor Mike Parson, U.S. Senators, and U.S. Congressmen 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,



Celeste Rueter  
Executive Vice President

cc: Sally Faith, Mayor, City of Saint Charles  
HBA St. Charles County Board of Trustees

