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July 2, 2018

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.

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.

The Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation has the support of The Missouri House and Senate and this year the Senate passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37 in support of the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformation Project. I have attached a copy for your information.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chrissy Sommer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "S".

State Representative Chrissy Sommer
District 106

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

Whereas, the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformational Project will transform the St. Charles Riverfront into a center for economic prosperity; and

Whereas, the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformational Project will provide for a unique Missouri River Island recreational attraction; and

Whereas, the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformational Project will provide Missouri River aquatic habitat restoration; and

Whereas, the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformational Project, according to economic modeling, projects 4,000 new jobs; and

Whereas, the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformational Project, according to economic modeling, will result in a \$1.5 billion economic impact; and

Whereas, the Bangert Island project initiative shall:

- (1) Create 4,000 jobs for Missourians;
- (2) Have a \$1.5 billion economic impact;
- (3) Provide for a riverfront recreational attraction;
- (4) Provide for Missouri River aquatic habitat restoration; and

Whereas, a Modeling study produced by the Corps for restoration of Bangert Island concluded that navigation is not disturbed by the proposed side channel/chute project; and

Whereas, the City of St. Charles desires to work with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to advance a Section 1135 Project, which would improve aquatic habitat and restore Bangert Island; and

Whereas, the City of St. Charles will cost share toward construction of the Bangert Island project:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby endorse the Bangert Island Riverfront Transformational Project; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Governor, United States Senator Roy Blunt, United States Senator Claire McCaskill, Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer, and Congresswoman Ann Wagner.