

March 23, 2020

Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2020 BUILD Discretionary Grant:  
La Crosse County French Island Freight and Mobility Improvements

Dear Ms. Chao:

I am writing this letter to express our support for the La Crosse County, Wisconsin request for a 2020 US DOT BUILD Discretionary grant to improve local, regional and national freight and mobility access on French Island, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

The 2020 BUILD grant will provide La Crosse County with the ability to improve the efficient movement of goods and services through improved access to regional facilities including rail, harbor, air and interstate. La Crosse County has confirmed local funding partnerships in support of this project, including the City of La Crosse, WisDOT, Harbor Commission, La Crosse Regional Airport and private businesses. The project will result in improved access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation in a rural area.

Construction of the La Crosse French Island Freight and Mobility Improvements will greatly benefit our constituents and I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2020 BUILD Discretionary Grant proposal your full attention and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at 608-789-7512.

Sincerely,

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Steve Earp, Chair  
La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners  
C/O City of La Crosse Planning Department

Cc: Karl Green, La Crosse County  
Lewis Kuhlman, City of La Crosse