

United States Senate

July 19, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Chao,

I write in support of the application from the Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors for a federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant for the Main Wharf Rehabilitation and Modification Project at the Market Street Marine Terminal in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

To compete in a global economy, maritime transportation infrastructure must be maintained in a state of good repair and facility efficiencies must be improved to meet the marine transportation needs of the future. As New Hampshire's only public access, general cargo, deep-water terminal, Market Street Marine Terminal is an important regional marine transportation option for businesses currently located or considering locating to the Northeast.

With BUILD grant funding, the Main Wharf Rehabilitation and Modification Project will address the terminal's operational deficiencies and return the facility to full capacity, helping to meet current and future business demands for the movement of ocean and costal cargo in the region. Repairs and modifications are necessary to maintain and improve the structural integrity of the main wharf, while preventing costly delays and increasing safety.

This grant would be a significant investment for New Hampshire that would greatly improve maritime transportation infrastructure and promote economic development throughout the region. I strongly urge you to look favorably upon their application. Please do not hesitate to contact Dorothy Parsons in my office at (603) 622-2204 if we can be of further assistance. Thank you for your consideration.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator

CC: Captain Geno Marconi, Director, New Hampshire Port Authority
David Mullen, Executive Director, Pease Development Authority