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November 4, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Fayette County Tennessee is submitting an application for a TIGER III infrastructure development grant for the Mid-America Industrial Center project which I strongly endorse.

This multi-state regional project involves county roads and city streets and is located in the rural counties of Fayette, Tennessee, and Marshall, Mississippi. I am confident that the Mid-America Industrial Center project is innovative and visionary and aligns to and implements both the intent and criteria of the grant program.

I encourage you to give this application any possible consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Dolores Gresham

United States Senate

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October 26, 2011

Mr. Ray LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing on behalf of the Fayette County Industrial Development Board's application for funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program.

The Fayette County Industrial Development Board is committed to promoting economic development throughout the county. It is my understanding that the board intends to use the funding for the Mid-America Industrial Center currently being developed in the area. They believe this project, along with other planned investment, will lead to increased economic development and job creation in this rural region of Tennessee.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please keep me informed about the progress of this proposal, and when a decision is made. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202) 224-3344.

Sincerely,



Bob Corker
United States Senator

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October 28, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of the Mid-America Industrial Center Project in its application for a TIGER III infrastructure development grant with the Department of Transportation.

This multi-state regional project will affect the historically economically disadvantaged rural counties of Fayette County, TN and Marshall County, MS. This project has the potential to attract additional industry and create additional jobs.

I respectfully request your full consideration of the Mid-America Industrial Center's grant application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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October 28, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

It is my understanding that Fayette County is submitting an application for a TIGER III infrastructure development grant for the Mid-America Industrial Center project.

This multi-state regional project involves county roads and city streets and is located in the rural counties of Fayette, Tennessee, and Marshall, Mississippi. I am confident that the Mid-America Industrial Center project aligns to and implements both the intent and criteria of the grant program.

Please accept this letter as the Department's expression of support for this application.

Sincerely,

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John C. Schroer
Commissioner

JCS:ESD



Fayette County Government

Rhea Taylor / County Mayor

October 25, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey avenue, S.E
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing you as an advocate for the Mid-America Industrial Center project. This project is submitting a grant application for the TIGER III infrastructure development grant of the Department of Transportation. This multi-state regional project is located in the rural counties of Fayette, TN and Marshall, Mississippi. These counties are and have been historically economically distressed counties. I am confident that the Mid-America Industrial Center project aligns to and implements both the intent and criteria of the grant program.

The Department of Transportation's implementation of prior TIGER Grants has had a dramatic impact on addressing the need for infrastructure improvements across the nation. I look forward to your support of this job creating and economic development sustaining project.

Sincerely,

Rhea Taylor

Fayette County Mayor



October 24, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

RE: Mid-America Industrial Center – Tiger III Application

I am writing to you on behalf of the Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as an advocate for the Mid-America Industrial Center TIGER III application. This multi-state, regional project is located in the rural counties of Fayette, Tennessee and Marshall, Mississippi. These two counties have historically been, and continue to be, some of the most economically distressed in the United States. The Mid-America Industrial Center will support the regional and national economies through improved freight distribution and economic competitiveness. The Memphis MPO is confident that the Mid-America Industrial Center project aligns to and implements both the intent and criteria of the TIGER grant program.

The Mid-America Industrial Center project will provide for critical upgrades to infrastructure in southwest Fayette County, Tennessee and the City of Piperton, Tennessee. These roads connect the Crescent Corridor rail line to US Highway 57, US Highway 72, and by extension, Interstate 269 to the commercial, industrial, and logistics center of Memphis, Tennessee. The Department of Transportation's implementation of prior TIGER grants has had a dramatic impact on addressing the need for infrastructure improvements across the nation. I look forward to your support of the Mid-America Industrial Center, as it will truly benefit the United States through improved multi-modal freight distribution.

Regards,

Pragati Sivastava, AICP
Administrator, Memphis MPO



West Tennessee Rural Planning Organization
125 North Main Street, Suite 450
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October 28, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, TN 20590

Subject: Tiger III Discretionary Grant Application for Mid-America Industrial Center

I am writing you on behalf of the West Tennessee Rural Planning Organization (WTRPO) in support of the Mid-America Industrial Center Tiger III Grant Application. As the RPO Coordinator for West Tennessee, which includes Fayette County the location for the Industrial Center, I have seen the need for economic development within this rural area. Even though the Mid-America Industrial Center is located in Fayette County its impact is regionally significant to adjacent counties both within Tennessee and Mississippi as well as nationally with its connection to the Crescent Corridor Rail Line to US Highway 57, US Highway 72, and Interstate 269. Fayette County was recently selected by Norfolk Southern Railroad to build one of the largest intermodal facilities as part of the Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor. The Intermodal Yard is currently being constructed with plans for completion in the fall of 2012.

I am pleased to support the Mid-America Industrial Center for the Tiger III Grant Application. The WTRPO is confident that this project will support the economy on a national level through improved freight distribution in relationship to the Crescent Corridor Rail Line. The TIGER III Grant will provide funding for existing road improvements to meet the needs of the economic job opportunities created by the Intermodal Yard. The region understands the importance of this project which can be seen through the matching funds and investments between the public/private partnerships. I look forward to your support of the Mid-America Industrial Center, which will have economic benefits nationally for multi-modal freight distribution.

Regards,

Kate Hendrix, RLA
West TN RPO Coordinator



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October 21, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing you as an advocate for the Mid-America Industrial Center project. This project is submitting a grant application for the TIGER III infrastructure development grant of the Department of Transportation. This multi-state regional project is located in the rural counties of Fayette, Tennessee and Marshall, Mississippi. These counties are and have been historically economically distressed counties. I am confident that the Mid-America Industrial Center project aligns to and implements both the intent and criteria of the grant program.

The Department of Transportation's implementation of prior TIGER Grants has had a dramatic impact on addressing the need for infrastructure improvements across the nation. I look forward to your support of this job creating and economic development sustaining project.

Sincerely,

William A. (Bill) Mobley
Executive Director

WAM/rra

State of Mississippi
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER MIKE TAGERT
NORTHERN DISTRICT

October 20, 2011

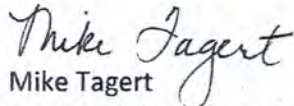
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The Department of Transportation's implementation of prior TIGER Grants has had a dramatic impact on addressing the need for infrastructure improvements across the nation. I look forward to your support of this job-creating and economic-development sustaining project.

Sincerely,


Mike Tagert
Transportation Commissioner
Northern District

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October 24, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U. S. Department of Transportation
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Sincerely,

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Tommy L. Woods
District 52, Marshall County, Mississippi

ROGER F. WICKER
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October 28, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Ray,

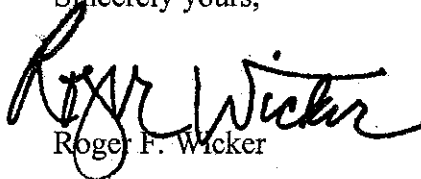
I would like to express my support for Mid-American Industrial Center's application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant.

The Mid-American Industrial Center is a multi-state project located in Fayette County, Tennessee, and Marshall County, Mississippi. This project is situated in a region with several modes of transportation including rail and interstate connections. Recent investments in infrastructure by several private and government entities have increased economic development and employment possibilities in the area. A TIGER grant would continue these investments by providing increased accessibility and infrastructure capabilities to this industrial center site. This region, which has been historically economically distressed, is on the cusp of large economic opportunities. An investment of federal dollars in this project would support citizens in the states of both Mississippi and Tennessee by bringing industry to the area and creating jobs.

I hope that you will give Mid-American Industrial Center's application every consideration. Should additional information be required from my office, please contact Jennifer Schmidt of my staff at (228) 604-2383.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Roger F. Wicker

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