

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives

State House, Boston 02133-1054

April 27, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: New Bedford Harbor Development Commission's Application, 2016 TIGER
Discretionary Grant Program

Dear Secretary Foxx,

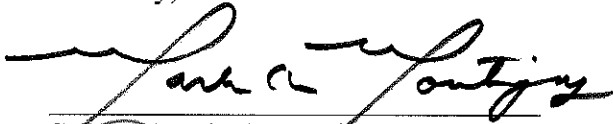
We represent the City of New Bedford in the Massachusetts Legislature and we are writing in support of the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission's application to the 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.

New Bedford Harbor is one of the most valuable economic assets in Massachusetts, supporting commercial fishing, recreational boating and cargo. All three of these sectors are economic drivers within the local, state, and regional economies. The North Terminal bulkhead project would expand both New Bedford Harbor's commercial fishing and cargo opportunities. It would be an important part of the Port of New Bedford's marine industrial expansion. Additionally, reconstructing Herman Melville Boulevard to create a safer and more efficient roadway will prepare the north waterfront area for increased investment in community revitalization and workforce development.

In recognition of New Bedford Harbor's importance to our economy, Massachusetts authorized \$35 million for dredging in 2014. This dredging project would not only allow for further expansion of the Harbor's maritime industries, it would also provide the clean dredge material needed to backfill the North Terminal bulkhead project. As the legislative delegation representing the City of New Bedford, we are committed to securing the necessary state capital funds for the dredging project, which would represent a part of the 20% required federal match for TIGER funding.

Thank you for your consideration of the Commission's application. Please let us know if we can provide any further information.

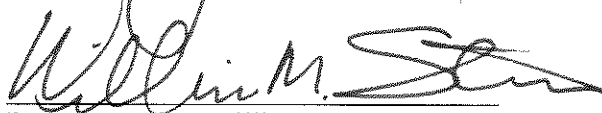
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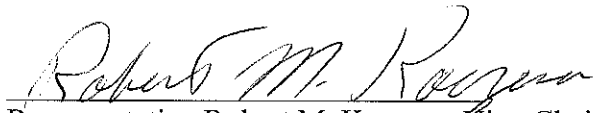
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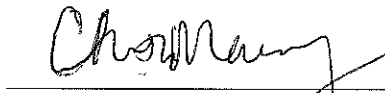
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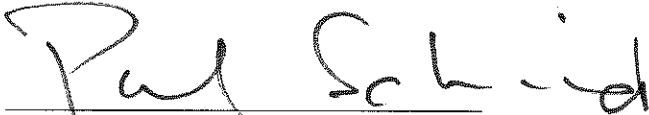
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