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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Madam Secretary,

Kansas City SmartPort is pleased to offer support for the ***New Buck O'Neil (US-169) Crossing*** INFRA grant application. This project will provide a vital link for commerce, public safety, economic development and community cohesion for the Kansas City region.

Our community's residents rely on safe, efficient connections across the Missouri River to destinations in all parts of the Kansas City area. This project will replace aging, outdated infrastructure on the National Highway System that is in poor condition and in need of major repairs with a new bridge and approaches that will serve travelers using all modes of transportation for decades to come.

This project is an outcome of the unique partnership and community visioning process of the Planning and Environmental Linkages study conducted by the Mid-America Regional Council, City of Kansas City, Missouri, Missouri Department of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, in coordination with many other regional partners and public/private stakeholders. Our community encourages you to provide TIGER funds to support this critical need for the Kansas City region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Gutierrez', with a stylized, overlapping loop structure.

Chris Gutierrez
President

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Troy Schulte – City of Kansas City, Missouri
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