

October 20, 2011

Mr. Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Northern Express Transportation Authority/TIGER III Grant Application

Dear Mr. Secretary,

This letter conveys Green Prairie International's support for the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center. This project will construct Montana's first multimodal facility to facilitate the export of value added food commodities and manufactured products--a nationally and regionally significant commercial and accomplishment.

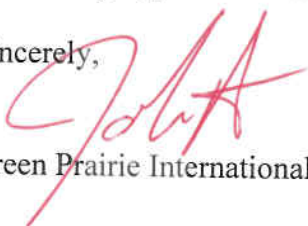
Green Prairie is a global forage exporter committed to the success and satisfaction of each member of the Hay Export Team, from the producer to the end consumer. This team effort helps to ensure the product being delivered to the consumer will meet their needs and quality expectations.

Constructing a multimodal rail facility in Shelby, Montana will enhance our ability to supply the highest quality long-fiber timothy and alfalfa hay to valued international markets. Transporting our product via traceable, containerized cargos will help to ensure that our products are free from contamination and meet high quality standards.

Montana is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest State in the nation yet it does not have the ability to ship or receive containerized cargos for import or export due to the lack of a multimodal facility capable of accepting and delivering unit trains of containers. Once a multimodal facility is constructed, Green Prairie will use it to transport approximately 2,500 to 3,000 40 foot containers of alfalfa and hay to the Pacific Northwest each year. We would also provide lift equipment to the project valued at \$1,075,000.

As funding applications are evaluated, please consider our pledged support and contribution.

Sincerely,



Green Prairie International