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October 25, 2011

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

RE: TIGER III Application
Dear Mr. Secretary,

Montana Farm Bureau would like to go on record in support of the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center project.

Montana is the 4th largest State in the nation yet we do not have the ability to ship or receive containerized cargos for import and export due to the lack of a multimodal facility capable of accepting and delivering unit trains of containers.

This project will construct Montana's first multimodal facility to facilitate the export of value added food commodities and manufactured products--a noteworthy commercial accomplishment for the region and State of Montana. It will also serve as a model to empower rural communities across the nation to increase their export opportunities.

The project has received all required environmental clearances, has a 42 percent non-federal match of \$7,346,558. This project would have a very positive effect on not only the farmers and ranchers in the area but on the entire state.

Please give full consideration of the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Youngberg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John Youngberg
Montana Farm Bureau Federation