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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 Mountain View Reload's support for the construction of the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center project, which would construct Montana's first multimodal freight rail facility to facilitate the domestic movement of oversize equipment and energy supplies.

Montana is the 4th largest State in the nation yet it does not have the ability to ship or receive containerized cargo due to the lack of a multimodal facility capable of handling unit trains of containers.

Montana has outstanding potential for energy development but a multimodal site is needed to transport of energy supplies and technology to the State. Mountain View Reload is currently railing energy supplies by box car into Shelby, Montana. Materials are removed from containers at the coast and placed in box cars because of Montana's lack of ability to receive containers. Completion of the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center would address this inefficiency.

As funding applications are evaluated, please consider our support for this project.

Sincerely,

NORM DIGNAULT PRESIDENT
