

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 13, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Chao:


I am pleased to support the Port of Milwaukee's application for the Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Grant (CFDA# 20.823). The Port of Milwaukee seeks funding to establish a first-of-its-kind trade lane for the worldwide export of Dry Distiller Grain with Solubles via deep-draft shipping on the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Seaway system. Funding will greatly enhance and improve the multimodal transportation system in Wisconsin.

This project, Port of Milwaukee's *Agricultural Maritime Export Facility*, will directly fulfill all qualifications of this U.S. Maritime Administration grant because it will implement a broad range of improvements at the port, modernize the safety of Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure, and improve the reliability of the movement of goods. The project will seek to export at least \$40 million of dry distiller grain, establish a new transload facility on the Great Lakes for loading of Seawaymax vessels, and improve market access for ethanol by-products produced here and in the upper Midwest. The project would also expand Wisconsin's agribusiness access to international markets, create at least eight full-time jobs and 50,000 work hours, and enhance revenue-generating potential for corn and soybean producers in Wisconsin and in the upper Midwest.

I fully support federal investment in infrastructure that will maintain and enhance economic opportunity and development in Wisconsin. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to the Port of Milwaukee's application for the Port Infrastructure Development Grant. Please keep Elaine Menigo in my Madison office informed on the progress of this application. She can be reached by mail at 30 W Mifflin St., Suite 700, Madison, WI 53703, by phone at (608) 264-5338, or by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator