



April 16, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing personally and on behalf of the United States Great Lakes Shipping Association and its U.S. based vessel agent members who, for more than 50 years and presently, service international cargo vessels trading in U.S. Great Lakes waters and which call at U.S. Great Lakes ports such as Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In particular, I am pleased to register enthusiastic support for an exciting breakthrough enterprise proposed by the Port of Milwaukee to establish a trade lane for the world wide-export of the Dry Distillers Grain with Solubles (DDGs) via deep draft shipping on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System.

The required application materials for the Project, which has been identified as the Port of Milwaukee's Agricultural Maritime Export Facility have been carefully prepared and are targeted to meet all of the requirements of the U.S. Maritime Administration's qualifications for its Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program. I believe when the details of the Project application materials are examined and considered, the above observations will be very evident.



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Ambitious and well-designed transportation and marketing enterprises such as described in the Port of Milwaukee's Project proposal will enhance and serve the citizens and economy of the State of Wisconsin and continue to strengthen and illuminate the already tremendous value that the Great Lakes Region and the St Lawrence Seaway System delivers to our American economy.

I urge expeditious and favorable consideration to the subject application and all the promise this Project represents.

Respectfully and with kind regards,



Xc: Mark H. Busby; Administrator, Maritime Administration
Craig H. Middlebrook; Deputy Administrator, St. Lawrence seaway