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The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: FY2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant
Lower Hill Redevelopment Infrastructure Project

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing to convey my support of the FY 2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant Application for the Lower Hill Urban Redevelopment Infrastructure Project submitted by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (SEA). I wholeheartedly support and endorse this project, as it will help revitalize this historic area, bringing urgently needed infrastructure advances to a rich cultural stronghold in the City of Pittsburgh that currently faces tremendous challenges with poverty and crime.

The TIGER VI grant would help to fund (i) construction of a portion of a new urban street grid (roads, sidewalks, street lighting, stormwater planters, and storm, sewage and water utility lines), (ii) improvements to surrounding roads of Centre Avenue, Bedford Avenue, Crawford Street and Washington Place, (iii) streetscape improvements to Fifth Avenue, Washington Place and Crawford Street & Pride Street, and (vi) the final design of a "cap" over Interstate 579 Crosstown Boulevard.

The planned infrastructure improvements will support the redevelopment of a 28 acre site located in the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. The development program is anticipated to have a significant economic impact on the region. It is anticipated that the development will create approximately 4,000 jobs during construction and approximately 3,000 permanent jobs when fully built-out. It is anticipated to attract private investment of over \$379 million, and provide 606,000 sq ft of Class A office space, over 254,000 sq ft of commercial space, a 150 room hotel, a 2.8 acres of urban open green space, and 1,191 residential units. These desperately needed infrastructure improvements will help to rebuild and preserve the unique community of the Hill District in Pittsburgh so my constituents can once again live, work and thrive in the heart of our great city.

I fully support this high priority project and respectfully request your favorable consideration of the TIGER Discretionary Grant Application. Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information about my support for this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Doyle

Member of Congress