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April 9, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

**RE: Lower Hill Urban Redevelopment Infrastructure Project
FY2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant application**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Please accept this letter in support of the FY 2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant ("TIGER") application for the Lower Hill Urban Redevelopment Infrastructure Project (the "Project") submitted by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County ("SEA").

The Project is a multi-agency initiative for the construction of a new urban street grid on a 28-acre site located between downtown Pittsburgh and the economically distressed middle and upper Hill District neighborhood. It is intended that the site will eventually be further reconnected to downtown by constructing a "cap" over the interstate highway that now separates the two. The Project will support mixed-use redevelopment on the 28-acre site that will connect people to centers of employment and services to stimulate long-term job growth and other opportunities, and to promote neighborhood redevelopment.

Governor Corbett authorized the release of \$15,000,000 in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding for the Project and subsequently entered into a grant agreement with the SEA in October 2013. RACP funding is intended to provide much needed economic stimulus to the Pennsylvania economy.

The SEA will utilize the RACP grant for the construction of the necessary infrastructure associated with the 28-acre site per funding requirements. The SEA has indicated that a portion of the RACP award would be used as local cash match in its application for TIGER funding.

The Commonwealth is in full support of the Project and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of the FY 2014 TIGER Discretionary Grant Application.

Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles B. Zogby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles B. Zogby

cc: Mary K. Conturo, Executive Director of the SEA