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July 12, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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**RE: Port Everglades- Department of Transportation – Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Department of Transportation's efforts to obtain a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. The goal of their proposed project, the port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP), is to provide one of our nation's busiest and most diverse ports with important new cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure to meet current and future trade demands. I respectfully request your consideration of this organization's application for federal funding.

Port Everglades is a leading containerized cargo port that is also a critical provider of petroleum products for South Florida, such as gasoline and jet fuel. If funded, the Intermodal Freight Connector Project will enable Port Everglades to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to remain a nationally significant and operationally efficient global gateway. Additionally, the Port's tenants and stakeholders have shared their strong support of the application as they will also directly benefit from this project through the enhanced capacity and resulting significant economic benefits to the South Florida region.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

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CC: Ms. Willowstine Lawson, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson

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**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application  
Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I wanted to share my support for Broward County's Port Everglades Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application for its Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP). The IFCP is a key component of the Port's Master Plan to provide new cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure to meet current and future trade demands.

Port Everglades is one of our nation's most active containerized cargo ports and is a critical provider of petroleum products for South Florida, such as gasoline and jet fuel. The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will enable Port Everglades to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to remain a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized. In serving our country's eighth largest metropolitan area, it is critical that Port Everglades is properly equipped to handle the current and future volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure that our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

The Port Everglades Master Plan calls for \$1.6 billion in capital investment projects to support one of South Florida's major economic engines. To meet the Port's current and future needs, the County is making a significant investment in construction and acquisition activities over the next several years. The IFCP is a key component of this capital investment program that will serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

Thank you for review of this BUILD program application that will benefit every sector of our regional economy. Consistent with the ethics requirements of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am committed to this grant request and I support its effort. I appreciate your full and fair consideration of this application. Please keep me informed as the process progresses.

Sincerely,

Ted Deutch  
Member of Congress

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**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in support of Broward County's Port Everglades Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application for its Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP). The IFCP will provide important new cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure to meet current and future trade demands for one of our nation's and the State of Florida's busiest and most diverse ports.

Port Everglades is among the most active containerized cargo ports and a critical provider of petroleum products, such as gasoline and jet fuel, for South Florida. It serves the third largest state and nation's eighth largest metropolitan area. The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will enable Port Everglades to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to remain a nationally significant global gateway. To both meet consumer needs and ensure the efficiency of our nation's surface transportation system, the port must be properly equipped to handle both current and future volumes of trade.

The Broward County Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed to support this major economic generator for South Florida. The IFCP represents a key component of this capital investment program that is necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

Consistent with the ethics requirements of the U.S. House of Representatives, I urge full and fair consideration of Port Everglade's proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,



Lois Frankel  
Member of Congress

**ALCEE L. HASTINGS**  
20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
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July 17, 2018

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**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application  
Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write in support of the application submitted by Broward County's Port Everglades for a 2018 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant for its Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP). As the largest International containerized cargo port in Florida and one of our nation's fastest growing ports, Port Everglades will utilize this funding to expand critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure to ensure its continued success into the future.

Port Everglades is a diverse containerized cargo port that serves as South Florida's main seaport for petroleum products such as gasoline and jet fuel. The port already handles next generation cargo ships from Europe, South America, and the Far East, but is limited by existing infrastructure. The IFCP seeks to address these needs, and will provide state-of-industry capacity necessary to support the Port as a nationally significant global gateway. The Port's tenants and stakeholders strongly support this project.

Port Everglades' Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments to meet its current and future needs. The Port is a major economic generator for South Florida, supporting nearly 13,000 direct jobs, and \$29.3 billion in economic activity. The Port intends to invest hundreds of millions of dollars over the next several years to ensure that it continues to serve the surrounding community and the greater region. As Florida's population continues to grow, along with its rapidly increasing cargo demand, it is more critical than ever that Port Everglades and all of Florida's seaports are positioned and equipped to handle a growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure that our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

I greatly appreciate your full and fair consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202) 225-1313.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alcee L. Hastings", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alcee L. Hastings  
Member of Congress

DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

23RD DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to write regarding Broward County's Port Everglades Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application for its Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP). The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands.

As you may know, Port Everglades is one of the most versatile seaports in the United States. It is among the most active containerized cargo ports and serves as South Florida's main seaport for petroleum products such as gasoline and jet fuel. The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill this role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

South Florida is the eighth largest metropolitan area in the U.S., with more than 6 million residents. In addition, Florida is the third largest state, with over 21 million residents, and we welcome nearly 113 million seasonal visitors annually. It is critical that Port Everglades and all of Florida's seaports are positioned and equipped to handle a growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure that our nation's surface transportation system is used efficiently.

The Broward County Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed to support this major economic generator for South Florida that supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates \$30.4 billion in business activity annually. To meet Port Everglades' current and future needs, the county is making a significant investment in construction and acquisition activities over the next several years. The IFCP represents a critical component of this capital investment program, which is necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

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Thank you for your consideration of this meritorious proposal. In my view, it meets the overriding goal of the BUILD program—to support infrastructure projects “that will have a significant local or regional impact.”

Sincerely,



Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
Member of Congress

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**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application  
Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

As the founder and co-chair of the Florida Ports Caucus, I write in support of the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant application submitted by Broward County's Port Everglades. Our caucus works together to ensure that Port Everglades and all of Florida's seaports are equipped to handle the growing movement of cargo to meet consumer needs. This Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) will fund critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure that will enable the port to meet current and future demands for new and larger ships to operate there.

Port Everglades is one of the most diverse seaports in the United States. In addition to being a major containerized cargo port, it also serves as South Florida's main seaport for petroleum products, such as gasoline and jet fuel. This project will allow the port to provide the state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant and global gateway.

Broward County and Port Everglades are doing their part to meet these requirements by developing a \$1.6 billion master plan of capital investments to support this major economic generator for South Florida. The IFCP is a critical component of this capital investment program that will serve our residents, visitors, and the business community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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July 16, 2018

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Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to write this letter in support for Broward County's application for the Fiscal Year 2018 National Infrastructure Investments -- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant for Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP).

As my neighbor to the south, I know that Port Everglades is one of our state's most important containerized cargo facilities and South Florida's main seaport for petroleum products such as gasoline and jet fuel. The application the County is submitting will enable the Port to expand the number of cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to address future trade demands.

Port Everglades is in the midst of a \$1.6 billion Master Plan and this project is a key component to ensure that the Port remains able to handle the growing and diverse cargo load coming into South Florida.

Thank you for giving this project the fullest possible review to continue our nation's investment in vital shipping infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast  
Member of Congress



Richard Blattner  
Commissioner, District 4

June 26, 2018

The Honorable Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20590  
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**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

We The City of Hollywood are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application.** The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

South Florida is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area in the U.S. with more than six million residents. In addition, Florida is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest state with over 21 million residents, and we welcome nearly 113 million seasonal visitors annually. It is critical that Florida's seaports are positioned and equipped to handle a growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

The Broward County Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed to support this major economic generator for South Florida that supports more than 13,000 direct jobs, and generates \$30.4 billion in business activity annually. To meet Port Everglades' current and future needs, an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars must be expended on construction and

acquisition activities over the next several years. The IFCP represents critical components of this capital investment program necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

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Richard Blattner

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director



June 28, 2018

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PORT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

The City of Fort Lauderdale is pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application**. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway.

Port Everglades plays a critical role as an economic driver for the City of Fort Lauderdale and South Florida providing jobs, goods and bringing tourists to and through our City. This grant will provide funding to be able to complete a successful project identified by the Port Everglades Master Plan and to ensure that Port Everglades remains competitive in the global market with the increases in deeper drafts and the expanded Panama Canal. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity, in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

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We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM  
City Manager

cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

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**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

The City of Dania Beach is pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application**. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

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Respectfully,

**Mayor Tamara James**  
City of Dania Beach

cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades/Chief Executive and Port Director  
Robert Baldwin, City of Dania Beach/City Manager

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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance is pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

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We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,



Bob Swindell, President and CEO

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director



June 25, 2018

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**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application.** The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit our Hollywood and Chamber businesses by allowing new opportunities, creating jobs and developing commerce.

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We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Anne T. Hotte, CEO  
Cc: Steve Cernack



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Port Canaveral

Port Everglades

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Port of Fernandina

Port of Fort Pierce

**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Port of Jacksonville

Dear Secretary Chao:

Port of Key West

The Florida Ports Council is pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

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Port of Panama City

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Port of Pensacola

Port St. Pete

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Port of Port St. Joe

Port of Tampa Bay

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

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Doug Wheeler  
President & CEO  
Florida Ports Council

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

# Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

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July 12, 2018

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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary

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Broward County's  
Port Everglades

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Washington, DC 20590

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of Transportation

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Seaport Alliance

Cambridge  
Systematics, Inc.

Dear Secretary Chao:

Nossaman LLP

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Cascadia Center

Broward County's Port Everglades is seeking BUILD discretionary funds for its Intermodal Freight Connector project. Broward County's Port Everglades is a member of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC), a national group dedicated to improving our nation's freight infrastructure.

Ohio Kentucky Indiana  
Regional Council of  
Governments

Chicago Metropolitan  
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City of Chicago

Orange County  
Transportation Authority

COMPASS – Community  
Planning Association of  
Southwest Idaho

Oregon Department of  
Transportation

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Should the BUILD grant be awarded, the Port will use the funds to provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure, which will help it meet current and future trade demands. This project will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. It will not only result in benefits for the tenants and stakeholders at the Port but also create national, state, and regional economic benefits.

Port Authority of  
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Economic Development  
Coalition of  
Southwest Indiana

Port Houston

Florida Department  
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Port Newark Container  
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We hope you'll consider the merits of Broward County's Port Everglades' Intermodal Freight Connector project. As an organization, we support investments in freight infrastructure and we encourage USDOT to continue investing in goods movement projects through the BUILD grant program. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Southern California  
Association of  
Governments

Metal Fatigue Solutions

Tampa Hillsborough  
Expressway Authority

Metropolitan  
Transportation  
Commission

Tennessee Department  
of Transportation

Sincerely,



Washington State  
Department of  
Transportation

Elaine Nettle  
Executive Director

Will County Center for  
Economic Development

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June 26, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
United States

**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Enterprise Florida is pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application.** The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

Enterprise Florida is the official economic development organization of the State of Florida and is chaired by Governor Rick Scott. Our mission is to promote job creation, investment and international trade for Florida. As such, we fully support the Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project. We see this project as a critical component of our efforts to expand international trade in Florida. According to the Business Round Table, over 2.2 million jobs in Florida depend on international trade, by far the largest share is in South Florida.

South Florida is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area in the U.S. with more than six million residents. In addition, Florida is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest state with over 21 million residents, and we welcome nearly 113 million seasonal visitors annually. It is critical that Florida's seaports are positioned and equipped to handle a growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.



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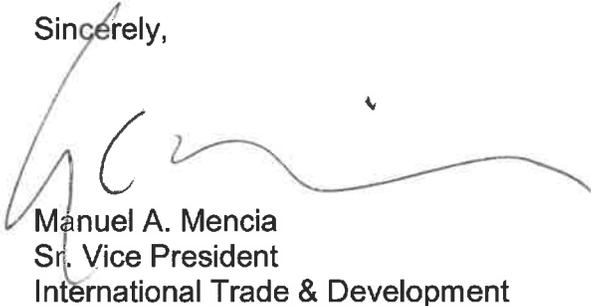
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We look forward to continuing our partnership with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

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Manuel A. Mencia  
Sr. Vice President  
International Trade & Development

cc: Steven M. Cernak, Chief Executive/Port Director for Broward County's  
Port Everglades

# NANCY LEIKAUF AND ASSOCIATES, LLC

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July 11, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
United States

**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Nancy Leikauf and Associates, LLC, I enthusiastically support Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the BUILD 2018 Grant Application**. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure to meet current and future trade demands.

As a nationally significant global gateway, Port Everglades significantly contributes to our country's favorable balance of trade as a leading export seaport. Critical to the ability of Port Everglades and its users to handle cargo with speed to market is state-of-the-industry infrastructure both landside and waterside, including berths, cranes, depth, and on-port and connector rail and road. As the third largest state with more than 21 million residents and nearly 113 million seasonal visitors annually, the responsibility of Port Everglades is to handle a growing volume of goods to meet consumer demand and to ensure the efficient use of our nation's surface transportation system.

The recent Port Master/Vision Plan developed with broad stakeholder input identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments needed to support this major economic generator for South Florida. The IFCP represents critical components of this overall capital investment program necessary to proactively serve our residents, visitors, and business community. With more than 13,000 direct jobs depending upon Port commerce and \$30.4 billion in business activity generated annually, the continued support of essential projects like the IFCP is a core mission of our company and community.

I look forward to continuing our relationship with Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,



Nancy J. Leikauf  
President and CEO

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

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June 26, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20590  
United States

**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application  
Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector  
Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, Port Everglades Terminal LLC, are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit our business since it will impact and benefit all our customers including the Cargo and Cruise portfolio clients. This Grant will facilitate the cargo flows at a location which will diversify the transportation network.

South Florida is the 8th largest metropolitan area in the U.S. with more than six million residents. In addition, Florida is the 3rd largest state with over 21 million residents, and we welcome nearly 113 million seasonal visitors annually. It is critical that Florida's seaports are positioned and equipped to handle a growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation's surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

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We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Rovirosa  
C.E.O. and General Manager

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Chief Executive/Port Director for Broward County's Port Everglades



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June 29, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20590  
United States

**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, Florida International Terminal LLC, are pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my business with the potential increase in cargo volumes of up to 30%, not only for allowing us to service the larger vessels that have resulted from industry consolidation, but also because it would attract new business, as a result of increased capacity and efficiencies in cargo handling. These efficiencies will in turn benefit our community with more products and lower prices.

Port Everglades' Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed to support this major economic generator for South Florida, with nearly 13,000 direct jobs, and \$29.3 billion in business activity. To meet Port Everglades' current and future needs, an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars will be expended on construction and acquisition activities over the next several years. The IFCP represents critical components of this capital investment program necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

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Klaus Stadthagen  
VP & General Manager  
Florida International Terminal LLC

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, P.E., PPM, Broward County's Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director



July 02, 2018

The Hon. Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Horizon Terminal Services, LLC, we enthusiastically support Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the BUILD 2018 Grant Application**. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure to meet current and future trade demands.

As a nationally significant global gateway, Port Everglades significantly contributes to our country's favorable balance of trade as a leading export seaport. Critical to the ability of Port Everglades and its users to handle cargo with speed to market is state-of-the-industry infrastructure both landside and waterside, including berths, cranes, depth, and on-port and connector rail and road. As the 3rd largest state with more than 21 million residents and nearly 113 million seasonal visitors annually, the responsibility of Port Everglades is to handle a growing volume of goods to meet consumer demand and to ensure the efficient use of our nation's surface transportation system.

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The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my business by providing the much needed additional vessel berthing options within Port Everglade which will allow our customers, the Ocean Carriers to avoid having their vessels wait for berthing opportunities which then delays the movement of goods to the consumer. With added rail infrastructure this will provide for greater capability of handling larger volumes of rail traffic within the Port delivering cargo for export through Port Everglades. Reduced waiting times for the Ocean and Rail carriers is ultimately what attracts them to Ports such as Port Everglades and creates a continuous flow of commerce both on the imports and exports.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

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Anthony Vrban  
Vice President of Operation  
Horizon Terminal Services, LLC

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director



# International Warehouse Services

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June 27, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590 United States

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

International Warehouse Services is pleased to submit this letter of support for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure at the Port to meet current and future trade demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

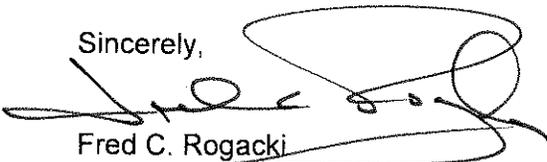
The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit our business by adding additional container capacity enabling a competitive edge over other nearby ports. Increased berthing space will generate additional container throughput at Port Everglades. Additional crane rail infrastructure will make loading and unloading more efficient. Additional capacity at Port Everglades will bring increased imports and exports to the Port. This will directly benefit our business and all Port Everglades companies.

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The Broward County Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed to support this major economic generator for South Florida that supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates \$30.4 billion in business activity annually. To meet Port Everglades' current and future needs, an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars must be expended on construction and acquisition activities over the next several years. The IFCP represents critical components of this capital investment program necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County's Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,



Fred C. Rogacki  
President

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Chief Executive/Port Director for Broward County's Port Everglades

July 2, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is writing to express its strong support for public seaports' applications for FY 2018 BUILD grants. AAPA has been a strong advocate for the program since its inception in 2009. The BUILD/TIGER program has made real improvements in our nation's maritime transportation system and needed investments in our multimodal freight infrastructure.

Founded in 1912, AAPA is the unified and collective voice of the seaport industry in the Americas. AAPA empowers port authorities, maritime industry partners and service providers to serve their global customers and create economic and social value for their communities. Our activities, resources and partnerships connect, inform and unify seaport leaders and maritime professionals in all segments of the industry around the western hemisphere. Our letter today is on behalf of our U.S. members.

American seaports and their private-sector partners annually spend more than \$30 billion collectively in marine terminal capital improvements that help handle freight and cruise passengers more efficiently. BUILD grant investments in port projects help to move these projects forward. In addition to the ability to leverage additional funding, BUILD is extremely valuable because it is multimodal, which means it funds a variety of transportation modes and projects that are beneficial to ports, the surrounding communities and our national supply chain.

To highlight the need for multimodal investments, AAPA recently released the [State of Freight III – Rail Access and Port Multimodal Funding Needs Report](#). The report addresses the need for improved rail access – efficient transfer of containers and other bulk goods directly from a maritime vessel to a rail car and vice versa. Sixty-seven percent of our members report that funding and financing options are significant barriers to improved rail access. Forty-three percent of our members report that

improving rail access would contribute to over 25 percent more throughput capacity. Other members with smaller projects report good, although lower throughput gains. Overall, AAPA members identified upwards of \$20 billion in multimodal project investment needs over the next decade.

In the past, these grants have helped fund seaport intermodal connectors and facilities (including rail, road and short sea shipping), wharf and dock rehabilitation and expansion, improvements in yards, piers, breakwaters and cranes, and improvements overall to rail movements throughout the United States to improve freight mobility.

As the Department of Transportation begins to evaluate the applications for FY 2018 BUILD grants, we urge you to provide, at a minimum, 25 percent or more of available funding for seaports' freight-related projects. These projects will help maintain and expand the maritime infrastructure that is so critical to U.S. exports and imports, which are vital to our nation's economy, standard of living and U.S. jobs.

Sincerely,

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Kurt J. Nagle  
President and CEO

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590



**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of International Cold Storage, Inc. we enthusiastically support Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the BUILD 2018 Grant Application.** The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure to meet current and future trade demands.

As a nationally significant global gateway, Port Everglades significantly contributes to our country's favorable balance of trade as a leading export seaport. Critical to the ability of Port Everglades and its users to handle cargo with speed to market is state-of-the-industry infrastructure both landside and waterside, including berths, cranes, depth, and on-port and connector rail and road. As the 3rd largest state with more than 21 million residents and nearly 113 million seasonal visitors annually, the responsibility of Port Everglades is to handle a growing volume of goods to meet consumer demand and to ensure the efficient use of our nation's surface transportation system.

The recent Port Master/Vision Plan developed with broad stakeholder input identifies \$1.6 billion in capital investments needed to support this major economic generator for South Florida. The IFCP represents critical components of this overall capital investment program necessary to proactively serve our residents, visitors, and business community. With more than 13,000 direct jobs depending upon Port commerce and \$30.4 billion in business activity generated annually, the continued support of essential projects like the IFCP is a core mission of our company and community.

The IFCP will make it easier and more profitable for us to handle the produce and perishable commodities that we depend on for our livelihood. With tis improvement to Port Everglades, shipping companies will not bypass us here in South Florida.

I look forward to continuing our relationship with Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Michael Matras

V.P. International Cold Storage, Inc.

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

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**PORT EVERGLADES  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

June 22, 2018

The Hon. Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2018 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project**

Dear Secretary Chao:

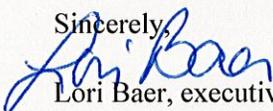
Port Everglades Association was formed in 1979 and represents most of the users and tenants of the port. On behalf of our membership, we enthusiastically support Broward County's Port Everglades **Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the BUILD 2018 Grant Application**. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths and crane rail infrastructure to meet current and future trade demands.

As a nationally significant global gateway, Port Everglades significantly contributes to our country's favorable balance of trade as a leading export seaport. Port Everglades also furnishes petroleum products to a third of the counties in Florida and four major airports with jet fuel. Critical to the ability of Port Everglades and its users to handle cargo with speed to market is state-of-the-industry infrastructure both landside and waterside, including berths, cranes, depth, and on-port and connector rail and road. As the 3rd largest state with more than 21 million residents and nearly 113 million seasonal visitors annually, the responsibility of Port Everglades is to handle a growing volume of goods to meet consumer demand and to ensure the efficient use of our nation's surface transportation system.

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Port Everglades Association members look forward to continuing their relationship with Port Everglades with the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

  
Lori Baer, executive director

Cc: Steven M. Cernak, Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director