June 19, 2019

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) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We the City of Dania Beach 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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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Sincerely,

Marc C. LaFerrier, AICP
Community Development Director

cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 5, 2019

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

The City of Fort Lauderdale is pleased to support Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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 the 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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Sincerely,

Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM
City Manager

c: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 10, 2019

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Sincerely,

Richard Blattner

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 10, 2019  
Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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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With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Bob Swindell, President and CEO

cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 10, 201

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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

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Dear Secretary Chao:

The Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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 by creating jobs for Hollywood residents and the South Florida area, by bringing more business to the area and supporting our local economy and by making the Port a state of the art facility for cargo transport.

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Sincerely,

Anne T. Hotte

GHCC CEO / Executive Director

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 5, 2019

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

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Broward Workshop, I am 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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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Sincerely,

Keith Koenig
Chairman

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

BROWARD WORKSHOP MISSION STATEMENT

Broward Workshop is a private, non-profit, non-partisan business organization established in 1981 and is made up of the chief decision makers representing 120 of Broward County’s major businesses and professions. Through the Workshop, business leaders seek to facilitate positive solutions to Broward County’s critical issues and to serve as a catalyst to encourage the cooperative effort between various entities working for countywide, specific, long-range common goals (see attached).
June 6, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
US Department of Transportation
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United States

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

The South Florida Regional Planning 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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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Sincerely,

Isabel Cosio Carballo, MPA
Executive Director

icc/kal

cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
Gregory Stuart, Executive Director, Broward MPO
Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors

June 10, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

Broward County’s Port Everglades is seeking BUILD discretionary funds for their 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 multimodal freight infrastructure.

Should the BUILD grant be awarded, the Port will use the funds to provide critically needed cargo berths, 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.

According to Broward County’s Port Everglades, South Florida is the eighth largest metropolitan area in the U.S., with more than six million residents. The Port’s Master/Vision Plan identifies $1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed to support South Florida’s economic generator. Port Everglades supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates $33.9 billion in business activity annually. They must invest hundreds of millions of dollars to meet Port Everglades’ current and future needs through construction and acquisition activities. The Intermodal Freight Connector Project is one critical component of this capital investment program necessary to serve South Florida residents, visitors, and businesses.

We hope you’ll consider the merits of the Intermodal Freight Connector Project application. 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.

Sincerely,

Elaine Nessle
Executive Director

Moffatt & Nichol
National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association
NASCO – North American Strategy for Competitiveness
The Northwest Seaport Alliance
Nossaman LLP
Ohio Kentuckiana Regional Council of Governments
Orange County Transportation Authority
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Port Houston
Port Newark Container Terminal
Port of Hueneme
Port of Long Beach
Port of Los Angeles
Port of New Orleans
Port of Oakland
Port of Portland, OR
Port of San Diego
Port Tampa Bay
Port of Vancouver USA
Ports America
Chesapeake
Prime Focus, LLC
Puget Sound Regional Council
RAILCET
SANDAG - San Diego Association of Governments
Southern California Association of Governments
Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation
Will County Center for Economic Development
WSP
June 28, 2019

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The Florida Ports Council represents Florida’s fourteen public deepwater seaports, and this project will have a statewide benefit for all of Florida, especially the residents of South Florida. 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 welcomed 126 million seasonal visitors in 2018. 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 strongly support the efforts of Port Everglades to partner with the federal government to improve the movement of freight in Florida. This project represents the priorities of Florida’s and President Trump’s transportation infrastructure plans. We strongly encourage you to invest federal BUILD dollars on this project.

Sincerely,

Doug Wheeler
President & CEO
Florida Ports Council

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 10, 2019

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US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We the International Longshoremen’s Association Local 1526 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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 local by producing more jobs and economic benefits for our longshoremen and their families.

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Sincerely,

Christopher D. Roland, President

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
July 1, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Chao:
The members of the PORT EVERGLADES ASSOCIATION wish to express full support to Broward County, Florida’s Port Everglades for the Intermodal Freight Connector Project (IFCP) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application.

PORT EVERGLADES ASSOCIATION represents the major users of Port Everglades including cargo and cruise lines, ship owners and operators, terminal operators, warehousing and logistics providers and many others. Our members are fully committed to their operations at Port Everglades and have made substantial investments of their own in our seaport. Our members are completely dependent on the continued vitality of Port Everglades.

We are unanimous in our support for the IFCP which we are confident will provide critically needed cargo berths to meet current and future demands. The IFCP will ensure that Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-the-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway. All of the Port’s tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from this added capacity in addition to the national, state and regional economic benefits that will be realized.

Broward County’s size and importance cannot be overstated. Our six million residents make us the 8th largest metropolitan area in the country and we welcome literally millions of visitors and seasonal residents each year. It is critical that Port Everglades and all Florida seaports continue to be equipped to handle the growing volume of trade to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation’s surface transportation system is used most efficiently.

Sincerely,

Lori Baer
Executive Director
Port Everglades Association

CC: Glenn Wiltshire, Acting Director, Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale FL
Dr. Natacha J. Yacinthe, Ph.D., PPM®, AICP, Manager of Seaport Planning
June 12, 2019

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) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, at LOGISTEC, 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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.

At LOGISTEC, we always put our customers first. As a North American leader in Marine and Stevedoring Services for over 65 years, currently managing 63 terminals at 37 ports, we understand the importance of providing not only reliable service, but the importance of going beyond for our customers. There is a push to grow the business both domestically and internationally at Port Everglades and to provide customers with the revitalized global gateway and transportation hub they have been asking for. The Intermodal Freight Connector Project, that would see strategic investments create additional berth space and important upgrades to the dock infrastructure, translates into greater fluidity at the port and faster turn-around time for cargo. In addition, more berth space means more vessel calls and more cargo and importantly new specialized cargo flowing through Port Everglades.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Trip Bailey
Vice President, Operations
LOGISTEC USA Inc.

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 10, 2019

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:

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) 2019 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 additional 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 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. This efficiencies will in turn benefit our community with more product choices and lower prices.

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Sincerely,

Klaus Stadthagen
VP & General Manager
Florida International Terminal LLC
Cc: Glenn Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 10th, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590, U.S.A.

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Grant Application Support Letter  
Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

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The Intermodal Freight Connector Project will benefit my 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.

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Sincerely,

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

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 12, 2019

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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, Florida East Coast Railway, 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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 by increasing fluidity and reducing delays in moving of goods in and out of Port Everglades. FEC has invested more than $50MM to expedite the movement of freight at Port Everglades. This project will continue that process and allow more freight to flow through Port Everglades.

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Broward County’s Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies $1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed over the next twenty years to support this major economic generator for South Florida that supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates $33.9 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,

Robert B. Ledoux

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 10, 2019

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) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We (G.F.C. Crane Consultants, Inc.) 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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 by allowing us to hire more staff to meet the additional cargo demand.

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Sincerely,

Dale W. Hoover, Vice president of Operations
GFC Crane Consultants, Inc.
June 18, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
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Washington, DC 20590
United States

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County's Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, Horizon Terminal Services, 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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 have a major positive impact on our automotive operations in Port Everglades. Our recently inaugurated terminal and automotive technical center has proven very successful to the automotive industry in gaining lead-time advantages for exports towards Central America and the Caribbean, including major lead-time and environmental improvements for imports and distribution of new autos to the Southern Florida markets. These were previously imported through East Coast ports further north. Thus, we see a significant upward potential in attracting further automotive flows through Port Everglades to this population dense area and to achieve this, we need improved berth infrastructure in the port to allow for faster seamless handling of ocean traffic which is a requirement to remain competitive.

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Broward County’s Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan identifies $1.6 billion in capital investments that are needed over the next twenty years to support this major economic generator for South Florida that supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates $33.9 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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Chief Executive Officer
Horizon Terminal Services, LLC

Cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
June 12, 2019

Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
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Washington, DC 20590

RE: Port Everglades, Broward County, Florida  
Letter Supporting Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (“BUILD”) 2019 Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am pleased to submit this letter supporting the Intermodal Freight Connector Project (“Freight Project”) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application for Port Everglades.

South Florida is the 8th largest metropolitan area in the United States with more than 6 million residents. Florida is the 3rd largest state with over 21 million residents, and we welcomed 126 million seasonal visitors in 2018. Port Everglades is one of the major economic generators in South Florida - it supports more than 13,000 direct jobs and generates $33.9 billion in annual business activity.

It is critical that Port Everglades remain positioned and equipped to handle the growing volume of trade in order to meet consumer needs and to ensure our nation’s surface transportation system is used most efficiently. The Freight Project will provide critically needed cargo berths to meet our current and future trade demands and it will ensure Port Everglades is able to provide state-of-industry infrastructure and capacity necessary to continue to fulfill its role as a nationally significant global gateway.

I am a Senior Partner at the law firm of Shutts & Bowen. At over 100 years old, I like to say Shutts is Florida’s oldest, largest law firm with approximately 300 lawyers across our 8 Florida offices. We regularly work with clients in and around Port Everglades and I can state that Port tenants and stakeholders will directly benefit from the added capacity created by the Freight Project.

Port Everglades’ Master Plan identifies $1.6 billion in capital investments which are needed over the next twenty years and hundreds of millions of dollars must be expended on construction and acquisition activities over the next few years. The Freight Project is a critical component of this capital investment program and it is necessary to serve our residents, visitors, and business community.
We look forward to continuing our relationship with Broward County’s Port Everglades and the successful completion of this Freight Project.

Sincerely,

Shutts & Bowen LLP

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Brendan Aloysius Barry

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cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director
    Lori Baer, Executive Director, Port Everglades Association
June 11, 2019

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RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2019 Grant Application Support Letter for Broward County’s Port Everglades Intermodal Freight Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

We, WSP, 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) 2019 Grant Application. The IFCP will provide critically needed cargo berths 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 by advancing demand for the accommodation of commerce that directly involves the Professional Services we provide.

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Sincerely,

Nick Ivanoff  
Executive Vice President, Transportation

cc: Glenn A. Wiltshire, Acting Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director