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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

June 1, 2015

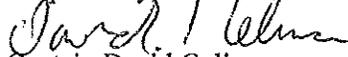
I would like to express my strong support for the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER VII grant application *Maine Regional Railways Project*, submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT).

While blessed with several deep-water seaports, Maine has not been able to fully realize the economic potential from its ports that other maritime states have enjoyed due to our inadequate rail infrastructure. In the port of Searsport, taxpayers have funded millions of dollars worth of improvements to the port in the past two decades by investing in a \$21 million dollar multi-modal cargo dock, acquiring a 140 ton state-of-the-art mobile harbor crane, and by setting aside 342 acres of undeveloped waterfront land in the port district dedicated to future expansion. Additionally, Maine voters have already approved the State's 25% match for the Searsport Navigation Project, which will dredge the current 35' channel to a 40' channel at low tide, allowing for vessels with drafts of greater than 42 feet to call on the port. A vibrant and upgraded rail corridor is crucial in attaining the growth of this port which Maine citizens have so frequently supported.

An upgraded Maine Rail/Port network would bring substantial benefits to both the environment and to the regional economy. Locally, the Central Maine and Quebec Railway has access to the Great Lakes region via it's terminus in Montreal. Compared to the 41 commercial seaports on the Lakes, Searsport is 5-7 sailing days closer to global markets, is ice free in winter months, has greatly reduced pilotage costs, has no fees for lock transits, and can accommodate a vessel over twice the size of the largest ocean-going ships that can access the Great Lakes. The Public/Private rail investment which this grant would leverage will enhance the natural advantages of a rail/port interface, and will yield economic benefits for the Northeast region of our country for decades to come.

Thank you for your consideration of these attributes in support of the Maine Regional Railway Project. Please feel free to contact me if you should need further information or have additional questions.

Respectfully

  
Captain David Gelinas



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Again, I support this project unconditionally. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle".

Michelle Fisher  
Logistics Manager

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May 5, 2015

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June 1, 2015

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Again, we support this project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Roland Gendreau  
Senior Accountant  
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Sincerely,

**Randy Bigelow**  
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Sincerely,

**Richard J Miller**  
President

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I am submitting this letter in my capacity as the President of the Bangor Region Development Alliance (BRDA) to express our strong support for the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER VII (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant application, the *Maine Regional Railways Project*, submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT). This project seeks to upgrade significant portions of the Central Maine and Quebec Railway, Pan Am Railways, and the Maine Northern and Eastern Maine Railways.

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Again, on behalf of BRDA, we support this project unconditionally. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce G. Nickerson".

Bruce G. Nickerson

President

Bangor Region Development Alliance